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A 'Very Preliminary' **Look at 2007 Shows Borough Budget Boost**

Princeton Borough Council members got a sneak preview of the 2007 municipal budget last night, and if the budget cycle mirrors that of the last Iwo years, early Borough agency expenditures will likely add up to a significantly lower sum than what is being proposed.

Following a survey of all municipal departments and agencies, the Borough administrator's office reported last night that a 5.8 percent increase to the operating budget would be in store, the equivalent of more than \$1.3 million. The 2006 operating budget falls just under \$23 million.

"This is very preliminary look at where we stand in the development of the 2007 budget," said Robert Bruschi, Borough administrator, who delivered his report to Council Tuesday after Town Topics went to press. In general terms, he said, the necessarily reflect the numbers of an actual budget, which could be introduced for Council review sometime in the late winter or early spring.

To date, there have yet to be modifications to the budget by the Borough's administrative staff or its finance committee. Using the raw numbers, the proposed departmental increases would be equal to about an eight-cent increase for every \$100 of assessed property value - an increase, Mr. Bruschi said, that is "very unlikely" when a Council votes on a budget package. "The numbers we're seeing here are without tweaking any revenues, and without making any modifications to

"We'll be nowhere near an eight-cent tax increase." In fact, Mr. Bruschi added, a more likely scenario would be an increase in tax hovering around four cents, or \$400,000.

Borough Council has made a policy of holding quarterly budget reviews in recent years, particularly since a 12-cent budget increase was implemented in 2004. Since then, the Borough has been able to levy more moderate increases by switching municipal employees to the state health benefits program, as they did last year, saving the Borough about \$500,000, and by pursuing an overall policy change toward monies appropriated for capital projects - a goal that essentially capped debt service at \$3.6 million.

For the 2007 cycle, the largest departmental increase requests came in

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"Back Off!" Teachers Tell Trenton

(NJEA) expected at least 10,000 teachers to attend its Monday, December 11 rally in Trenton. According to a report in the Times of Trenton, about 7,000 showed up. The Trentonian estimated the crowd at 14,000.

Whatever the number, it included teachers from Princeton Regional Schools. Fifty-five faculty from Princeton High School had asked for leave to protest potential cuts in their benefits and pensions.

Princeton and other Mercer County teachers joined the throng of public employees from across the state: teachers from other school districts, state workers, police, and firefighters. They chanted "We're not the problem," and waved red foam hands stamped with their message of "Back off!" to the Corzine administration, protesting proposals that would raise their contributions for health coverage,

The New Jersey Education Association base their pensions on the five highest earning years rather than the three highest and make future public employees pay into a 401k-style retirement plan.

> According to a letter sent to its members by the New Jersey School Boards Association (NJSBA), the proposals "would strip school boards of authority in finance, human resources and governance, and would do nothing to rein in property taxes" that are due to "inadequate state aid to education." The letter from NJSBA President Kevin E. Ciak claimed that the state had short-changed communities \$1 billion a year in school aid since 2002, as a result of which local property taxes had to fill in the gap, increasing New Jersey's chronic dependence on property taxes to pay for schools. National Education Association statistics place New Jersey state government's share of public school expenses at just over 38 percent of total education

costs. Other states, on average, pay close to half the costs.

The majority of concems stemmed from recommendations made last week by a special Joint Legislative Committee on Public Employee Benefits Retorm, which would raise the state's retirement age to 62 and roquire new employee co-payments for health insurance.

While several school districts canceled classes for the day, Princeton Regional Schools remained open, following negotiations last week between administrators and union officials. Superintendent Judith A. Wilson said that she and other district officials had worked closely during the week with the Princeton Regional Education Association to "protect standards of safety and instruction for students in all six schools, and send a contingent of teachers to Trenton to oppose the legislation,

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Shuttle System, Dinky, **And Affordable Housing Explored in PU Review**

Senior administrative officials of Princeton University toured the latest version of the school's campus-wide master plan at Township Hall last Thursday, offering a clearer look at what a denser, less sprawling, more pedestrian-friendly campus could look like, and raised the definitive prospect that University-owned vacant land in West Windsor will remain as open space.

Citing new technologies, and new academic fields, administrators said that they were determined to develop a campus that "works well" and is suited for teaching, classrooms, housing, research, and athletics.

In an effort to diminish the impact of traffic in an often-gridlocked Princeton Borough, the school has repeatedly indicated that its shuttle system will need to expand to suit the needs of a campus that comprises various "academic neighborhoods" where automobile use is discouraged.

In fact, in municipal zoning changes made earlier this year in the Borough area that houses the school's Engineering Quadrangle, the campus shuttle system, P-Rides, figured in the language drafted in the zoning ordinance, a sign of planning to come as cars are discouraged on campus.

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CHRISTMAS SILHOUETTE: An image for the season brought to life by an admirer of the Lewis School of Princeton's Tree of Light, which was illuminated Friday to celebrate "The Gifts & Great Possibilities of Learning Diverse Per-

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PU Review

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And while University officials have neither discounted nor endorsed the idea of expanding a shuttle system outside of campus, planners are nonetheless keeping the idea part of the general discourse. Wendy Benchley, a member of both the Princeton Borough Council and the Planning Board, as well as a long-time advocate of a jitney system, underlined her point Thursday, after Robert Durkee, University vice president and secretary, described the school's plans to revitalize and relocate, by about 500 feet, the New Jersey Transit station that serves the Princeton Shuttle, more commonly known as

"I feel now is the time to make this jitney happen," Ms. Benchley said, urging University officials to not "stop at the end of campus" when planning shuttle routes of the future.

has been a recurring topic of discussion since the University received a \$101 million gift that launched the redevelopment proposal of the Alexander Street/University Place vicinity, making way for an arts neighborhood, seems to be here to stay as the school has envisioned moving the station to the south as part of the area's redevelopment. Preliminary concepts indicate a straightening out of University Place that would connect it with Alexander Street further to the south, enabling redevelopment to occur in the area behind McCarter and Berlind

Mr. Durkee said that the ultimate goal behind planning for a denser campus would, in fact, be to shuttle faculty and staff from offsite parking areas, but, beyond that, to plan for a walking campus. "That's a more ideal situation than always using the shuttle," Mr. Dur-

The University first announced in 2004 that it had abandoned the once popular concept of creating a mirror campus on its West Windsor lands, in favor for this new plan. Early this year, the school contracted with the architectural and planning firm Beyer Blinder Belle toward developing the concept of academic neighborhoods and pedestrian orientation. The firm found that the Frist Campus Center off Washington Road was the logical pedestrian campus center,

make most areas accessible to Frist, via foot, within 10 minutes.

Neil Kittridge, who has appeared on behalf of BBB as the University has moved through the planning process, identified five themes as central to the campus plan: transportation; parking and shuttles; wayfinding; landscape; and sustain-

On the theme of sustainability, the University has fielded some concern from local planners as the school has received approval for new buildings. Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand, also a Planning Board member, was encouraged that the plan, as a whole, was a "really wonderful beginning, but emphasized that "a lot of problems could be solved" if issues regarding sustainability and wayfinding, through use of increased signage, were addressed sooner, rather than later.

Mr. Kittridge, said tac-The Dinky issue, which tics increasing wayfinding as been a recurring topic of was something his firm had examined early on, and is "probably one of the easiest things to implement.

> On affordable housing, Mr. Durkee offered a guarded assessment of the school's obligation toward newly implemented state-stipulated housing requirements. Two

and that a goal would be to years ago, when the state's Council on Affordable Housing introduced its concept of employing a housing formula based on mix of jobs created and square footage for developers, the University balked. saying that many of its spacious laboratories only increase staff by one or two, as opposed to a similarly-sized development housing a full office or department. Since then, the University has expressed interest in brokering an arrangement that would take exception to particular campus development.

> "We recognize there will be obligations," Mr. Durkee said, adding that the school had maintained a dialogue with COAH to address future development and subsequent affordable housing obligations.

The University, as part of approval to build its department for Operations Research & Financial Engineering on Charlton Street in the Borough, will build five affordable units on Leigh Avenue. Additionally, Mr. Durkee said, there could be room for more units on a two-acre parking lot on Franklin Avenue and the planned rehabilitation of the Borough's nearby Franklin and Maple Terrace.

To view the entire master plan, visit www.campusplan. princeton.edu.

-Matthew Hersh

Topics In Brief A Community Bulletin

New Jersey Transit debuted new multilevel rail cars Monday on its Northeast Corridor Line, The cars offer 15 to 20 percent more seating than the single-level cars that will continue running on the Northeast Corridor, according to a Transit statement. The cars' interior design features an intermediate "mezzanine" level at each end of the car with padded leaning stations, as well as areas for wheelchairs, carts, strollers and luggage. New Jersey Transit purchased 234 multilevel cars with the new fleet expected to begin running on the Jersey Coast Line and Morris & Essex Line beginning in 2007

Holiday attractions: Princeton Boy Scout Troop 43 is holding its annual Tree & Wreath sale now through December 23, on Chambers Street at the corner of Paul Robeson Place. The sale will take place weekdays from 4 to 6 p.m., Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. Trees come in all sizes and are priced starting at \$20. Undecorated wreaths are \$10 and decorated wreaths are \$20. Also in Palmer Square, the Annual Menorah Lighting will take place on Palmer Square's north plaza on Hulfish Street next Tuesday, December 19, at 5 p.m. The ceremony will include David Newton, vice president of Palmer Square Management, Rabbi Dovid Dubov of Chabad Lubavitch of Greater Mercer County, and Princeton Township Mayor Phyllis Marchand. Musician Oneg will also perform. The event, which is free, is rain or shine.

Princeton Borough is seeking school crossing guards. The rate of pay is \$30 per day. Hours are 7:45 a.m. to 8:30 a.m. and 2:45 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Interested individuals should contact Borough Police Sgt. Robert Cutler at (609) 924-4141



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SAUCE FOR THE GOOSE: Arts Council Gallery Manager Maria Evans holds an original piece of artwork in the guise of a scart by Princeton resident Piroska Toth. The Arts Council, which is temporarily located next to Eckerd Pharmacy in the Princeton Shopping Center, has been holding an annual sale for 11 years. This year's sale is the biggest to date. For more information, call the Arts Council at (609) 924-8777 or visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.org.

Arts Council's Annual Holiday Sale Showcases Local Artists, Artisans

For those managing to find Holiday Sale" at the contheir way out from under all TEMPORARY Arts Center pottery mugs for around \$8, there are some very distinctive items to be had at the annual "Sauce for the Goose

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those seasonal catalogs, in the Princeton Shopping Center.

Crafts and artwork by some 40 artists and artisans from the Princeton area and farther afield include a mix of the decorative and the functional. In addition to unusual offerings from a Princeton feltmaker and a Long Island jeweler, the

the sale features decorative black and white dinnerware by Katherine Hackl: mugs for \$35, plates for \$50, a bowl decorated with pomegranates for \$45, and a jug of similar design for \$75. The largest piece by Ms. Hackl is a platter decorated with pale blue cornflowers and black birds for \$125.

Blank cards designed by Lynn Sulpy, individual works of art in themselves, are on sale for \$18. For dog lovers, Ms. Sulpy has fridge magnets

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store leatures an abundance of interesting and one-of-akind items: paintings, drawings, ceramics, glasswork, holiday ornaments, greeting cards, photography, jewelry, hats and scarves.

The Arts Council's biggest holiday sale to date, it takes up two rooms at the current temporary location at the south end of shopping center, next to Eckerd Pharmacy, and also has some fairly-traded global items from Tesoros Trading.

Sauce for the Goose has been an annual event since it began 11 years ago as a byinvitation exhibition and sale lasting just a few days. Then it featured the work of Arts Council ceramics students.

The name comes from one of the founders who made ceramic tiles decorated with images of geese inspired by the nursery rhyme. "What's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander." Continuing for the gander. the tradition, the Arts Council's sale provides Important income for local artists during the holiday season.

"Sauce for the Goose not only makes it possible for Princeton residents to find hand-made arts and crafts objects, it also supports local artists by providing them a valuable outlet for their work," commented Arts Council Gallery Manager and sale organizer, Marla

Ms. Evan has been with the Arts Council for over a decade and her personal favorites from this year's sale are the pottery items from students and faculty at the Rocky Hill clay studio, Lambertville artist Katherine Hackl, Lawrenceville artist Susan Strassberg, and Janet Felton.



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Besides hand-painted tile coasters by Susan Antin, there are children's felt bags for around \$28. Several artist working in felt have items in the store. Hungarian-born Princeton resident Piroska Toth has small handpainted felt bags for \$60, felt hats (\$85), and scarves (ranging from \$95 to \$140). Having learned the ancient craft in her native Hungary, Ms. Toth studied with master feltmakers in the United States. She's been felting for some five years now, in her home kitchen cum studio and teaches the method in a variety of venues including Artworks in Trenton and the Montgomery Center for

Textile items include child- modest in another. rens' handknit sweaters and fine knits for adults such as those by Carolina Firbas: a \$60 shawl made with mohair and \$50 wool scarves.

Whimsical handblocked children's clothing and household linens from Leslie Linneman include sets of guest towels for \$15.

The asking price for one of Princeton artist Helen Schwartz's Elvis-inspired baskets is \$65 (see this week's All in a Day's Work for more on Ms. Schwartz).

Among the smaller items is a series of novel flip books from Fliptomania. One shows Da Vinci's famous naked man flexing his muscles before taking his place within the diagrammed circle. M.C. Escher's birds morph into fish and then into mosquitoes in another, and Mona Lisa's smile evolves from manic to

Proceeds from the sale benefit programming at the Arts Council, which offers a special members-only discount of 10% off the total purchase throughout the duration of the sale. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Arts Council can purchase a membership and receive their 10 percent discount immediately.

Sauce for the Goose Holiday Sale," at the Arts Council's conTEMPORARY Arts Center will continue until Friday, December 22. Sale hours are Monday through Friday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturdays, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., with extended hours on Thursdays to 7:30 p.m. For more information, call the Arts Council at (609) 924-8777 or visit www.artscouncilofprinceton.

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PHCS President Optimistic About Forum As Councilmember Makes a Final Stand

Representatives of Prince- ing fund-raising, zoning, or ton HealthCare System are state approval. The support, moving closer to making he said, stems from the varitheir closing arguments to ous stages of the relocation the state's Board of Health as the corporation, the parent of the University Medical Center at Princeton and the Merwick Care Center, looks to move major portions of its operations, including the hospital, to an 158-acre tract in Plainsboro.

Tonight, the Board of Health will hold a hearing at the John Witherspoon Middle School auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m., in what is likely to be the only opportunity for public input before Commissloner Dr. Fred Jacobs of the state's Department of Health and Senior Services holds a final hearing, scheduled for January 4.

The commissioner will have up to 120 days followrequest.

And while Barry Rabner, direct opposition to the hos- Princeton Borough. pital's attempt to relocate.

end up with an incredible

effort that, barring a denial from the state, are in the proverbial rearview mirror.

Both Princeton governments have passed ordinances that change the zoning of the current Witherspoon Street hospital site, making the 12-acre area ripe for redevelopment, which will likely consist of a mix of commercial and office use, as well as up to 280 housing units. Additionally, as of last week, PHCS had begun the public process in Plainsboro Township, as Mr. Rabner, along with retained architectural consultant, J. Robert Hillier, appeared before the Plainsboro Planning Board with a concept for a \$350 million hospital faciling that hearing to make a ity, housing, and medical decision on the relocation offices on the site currently occupied by FMC Corp.

So while the public is president and CEO of PHCS, informed, an 11th hour is optimistic about the hos- maneuver to submit a last pital's chances to relocate word on behalf of Princeton following a two-year plan- Borough, while unlikely to ning process that included have a direct impact on the several public hearings, he state's decision, attempts to said Tuesday that new input cement various verbal assurwould be expected, but that, ances made by the hospital to date, he has received no to accommodate residents in

Borough Councilman Rog-

ances. It's important to us," Mr. Martindell said Tuesday, adding that he would like to see the hospital devise specific plans in guaranteeing those assurances.

Earlier this year, an independent task force found that it would be neither medically or financially viable to maintain a freestanding medical clinic on the Witherspoon site, and that any new facility in Plainsboro could address those needs.

'Since we initiated this project, we have said that we would do whatever it takes to address transportation needs," Mr. Rabner said, adding that he had made repeated" commitments to carry out the task force recommendations regarding transportation. "I've committed to doing that, and now there's a resolution for us to commit to doing that.

We've done everything we've ever committed ourselves to do, so I don't know what purpose it serves, but I'm fine with it," Mr. Rabner said.

The community outreach and education programs are a different story, Mr. Rabner said. While there is a willingness to continue those programs, he said, they are largely privately funded. 'We started those programs four years ago, we couldn't be more proud of them, we think they help, and it's our intention to keep them," he



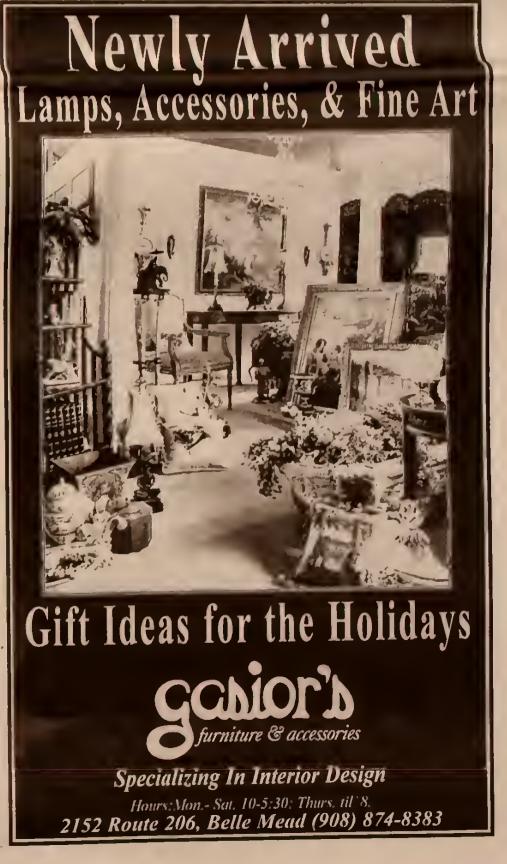
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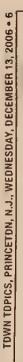


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Rescue Report

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad responded to 55 calls for service last

On Saturday December 2, the Squad was dispatched to an assisted care facility for an elderly woman who suddenly became unresponsive. The Squad found the patient cold and diaphoretic with weak carotid pulses. She was unable to respond to rescuers, and was found to have an extremely low blood sugar level. After administer-ing oral glucose and oxygen, which slowly improved her condition, the squad transported her to the University Medical Center at Princeton

On Wednesday December 6, the Squad responded to a motor vehicle collision that left a delivery truck overturned. The driver of the truck, who was wearing his seatbelt and was able to climb out of the wreckage before rescuers arrived, complained of shoulder pain and dizziness. He was treated and transported to UMCP. The driver of the other vehicle involved in the collision refused medical attention.

The Squad responded to 16 calls on Friday, December 6. One of these was for a patient who had experienced shortness of breath and collapsed while walking to his car to drive to the hospital. Rescuers found him in cardiac arrest and immediately performed CPR, ventilated him with oxygen, applied a defibrillator and rushed him to UMCP.

Later that evening, the Squad responded for a man who was struck by a car reported to be traveling at 20-25 miles per hour. The patient, who was disoriented immediately following the impact, complained of head, shoulder, chest and leg pain. The crew secured him to a spinal immobilization device and transported him to UMCP.

The Princeton First Aid & Rescue Squad is a non-profit, volunteer-run emergency services organization. For more information on membership and donation opportunities, visit www.pfars.org or call 924-3338.

9 Births Reported At Princeton Hospital

The Princeton HealthCare System has reported 9 births to area residents during the week of November 30.

Sons were born to Jieun Lee-Weinstein and Howard Weinstein, Cranbury, November 30; Melissa and Matthew Connally, Princeton, December 1; Sarah and Mark Futa, Princeton, December 5; Theresa and Michael Vaccaro, Cranbury, December 5; Sunghae Lim and Michael Wachtel, Princeton, December 6; and Anitha Aravind and Shaj Aravind, Lawrenceville, December 7.

Daughters were born to Tricla and Kirk Nolan, Princeton, December 2; Gayatri Mahapatra and Krishna Satapathy, Lawrenceville, December 2; and Sangjin Oh and Jeffrey Sukoo, Princeton, December 5.

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Question of the Week:

What do you think about Micawber Books closing, changes at the Princeton University Store, and the impact on Nassan Street?



"I was, at first, very upset at their announcement to close because it has become a Princeton institution. However, when I read that the owners want to retire, it is great that we will be getting another good bookstore. I don't see it as a boon to the town."

- Roz Denard, Jefferson Road



"I think it is a tragedy. Among the things that people like about Princeton are the little shops. Replacing Micawber with a massive shop will take away the nice feel of the place."

- Debbie Carmody, Heathcoat Road



"I think that the University is trying to get a monopoly, not only on the technical books it sells, but on the "town" husiness as well. If the town is going to be independent of the University, then this is not a good result for Princeton." — Will Levanowski, PU senior



"I do not live in Princeton but I regularly shop at the U-Store and Micawber for used science texts. I especially appreciate the personalized service at Micawber, which I expect will no longer be there when a conglomerate takes over."

— Mark Snyder, Flemington



James: "I am definitely disappointed that it is closing, because it is a place where we really love to go and bring the kids. In addition to the library, it is just a great place to get people into reading books. I don't think that the U-Store will be the same." Robin: "It is a wonderful place to have around the corner. I am a PU graduate and I go to the U-Store, but it does not have the same variety of books for all ages, and that will be a loss for Nassau Street."

— James Reilly and Robin Resch, Vandeventer Avenue

"Four dogs will be put down," said Karen Azarchi, the shelter's executive director. "Two are repeat biters; we have tried to rehabilitate the other two but they are so far gone as to be unsalvageable," she said.

To assess the dogs, the shelter turned to three ex-"All three experts came up with the same response: that these dogs cannot be that is so bad, she said, that Center in Madison, New Jerthe film as an example of ag-

manely put down in accordance with established veterinary protocols, by Injection after being tranquilized. "Shelter staff will be there beside them," said Ms. Azarchi, who added. "We have to do this, to help us save more animals.'

for euthanasia, the shelter to discuss shelter policy. had tried for some time to find alternative sanctuary for the four dogs. Two other long-term residents, Max and Josh, are scheduled to go to a sanctuary in Minnesota, along with several cats, as soon as it is ready to receive them:

less Animals, the non-profit then as acting manager earlier this summer, only three will remain. One of the shelters longest-term residents, Casper has been at SAVE for 5 years. Casper is the subject of a campaign by shelter staff to reduce his anxiety and by a local animal lover, Lisa Watson, owner of the pet-sitting agency A-Door-A-Pet, to find an appropriate home for him. Ms. Watson has posted Casper's photo regularly in this newspaper to try to find a loving home for him.

Even though four dogs perts in animal behavior. will be put down, the shelter will still qualify as a no-kill shelter, since the guidelines provide for exceptions unsaved," said Ms. Azarchi. der certain circumstances The dogs exhibit behavior such as extreme aggression, which are met in this case. St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Nonetheless, Ms. Azarchi said that the shelter will no sey, filmed them and will use longer advertise itself as a no-kill facility.

In an August interview The animals will be hu- with Town Topics, SAVE board member John Sayer responded to concerns that the shelter housed aggressive and un-adoptable dogs for long periods of time, acknowledging that some unsuitable animals have come through SAVE. At that time, he indicated that the board Before taking the decision of trustees would be meeting

The shelter's policy on euthanasia was revised last month at which time the board adopted a statement to the effect that SAVE-A Friend to Homeless Animals ter and an adoption agency whose goal is to improve ilv-Of the long-term resident ing conditions for cats and dogs that were at the shel- dogs by housing unwanted ter when Ms. Azarchi joined animals and providing for SAVE, first as a volunteer their basic needs, including

ment, and socialization with humans and animals. The agency's goal is to find someone to adopt each animal in its care; its philosophy is to provide quality of life to all animals housed at its facility. Euthanasia is only used as a last resort, based on illness or temperament.

"The board has carefully reviewed the situation and we have come to this decision with great regret," said Mr. Sayer. "These are ani-mals with horrible track records; one bit a child in the face," he reported. The dog in question was apparently abused by children and is aggressive toward them.

These dogs have been tested for temperament and they uniformly tested as a danger to our workers and our clients," he said.

One positive aspect to the reduction in the shelter's population of unadoptable animals is that space is freed for animals that have a stronger chance of becoming family pets. According to Mr. Sayer, shelter workers now have more time to place animals. "We have placed more animals in the last three months than in the prior year," he said.

'This is a dark episode for SAVE," sald Mr. Sayer of the euthanasia. "We have to be up front about it; it's not a secret and we may lose some donations but it is unavoidable. We are trying to re-establish our relationship with the community on a good looting.

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-Linda Arntzenius



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Main Street Iraq In Our Backyard; Warrior Training Underway at Fort Dix

surface of the rickety balco-Stered with spent cartridges, with Arabic graffiti on the walls and a few in English, Sup on a rooftop down the ranging from BUSH GOOD to an a rooftop down the ranging from BUSH GOOD to GO HOME USA. The only sight have been blown up real spot of color is the pale or burned out. Arabic music gold of the dome of that toy is playing and a muezzin is mosque and the blue of the to prayer from the stuntedlooking makeshift mosque at you can see the village is made of aluminum shipwindowless mobile homes; quonset huts; and reconstigetting flashes of a western opposite, there's an explo-

drive from Nassau Street, Main Street waiting for the we're in a war zone. The next showdown, except this is an Iraqi ghost town named ny we're standing on is lit- after a real town called Balad with Arabic graffiti on the calling the invisible faithful building housing the Iraqi police. As we watch, American soldiers appear, thelr the bottom of the unpaved mission to clear the way, street. If you look closely, scouting every doorway, eyeballing every rooftop, advancing in threes. Down at ping containers resembling the other end of Main Street they've picked off a sniper. Four soldiers wheel around tuted freight cars. Leaning the corner, firing. Then, on over the balcony, I'm even the other side of the building

Just under an hour's easy movie set with a dirt road sion and a cloud of purple smoke. At the moment no Iraqi civilians are in sight, but they will be.

Driving out of Balad, we pass a parking area where actors paid to play the townspeople are clustered around the cars and SUVs they drove to the base that morning. The men, women, and children of Balad look to be both in and out of costume, like movie extras who don't really need to appear convincing since most of them really are what they're pretending to be. The parts they play are not demanding. Some are instructed to look friendly and wave, others to grimace and yell in Arabic. Our guide tells us the pay is good. We're also warned not to take pictures of them and not to talk to them because some of them have family back in Iraq. The day of our visit, De-

cember 1, the Christmas season at Fort Dix began with a tree lighting ceremony that included a candle lighting tribute to the military, a bike raffle, and a visit from Santa, who arrived in a fire truck just like his counterpart at the Princeton Shopping Center. Cookies, brownies, hot apple cider, and coffee were served, and Christmas trees had just gone on sale.

Christmas treats were not on the menu for the soldiers we saw scouting the dirt streets of Balad. The idea of theater immersion training is just that: a no frills submergence in conditions that are at best only a semblance of the life in store for these soldiers when they arrive in Iraq sometime next year. No offsite six packs and comfy beds. They sleep on cots in tents, as if they were at a Forward Operating Base (FOB), and in a way Fort Dix is the stateside equivalent of one with with new units arriving weekly, 53,433 and counting having been mobilized there since September 11, 2001. Here they learn the life-and-death lessons of this war in classrooms before they go out to act on what they've learned, and if they get it wrong, they go over it again, and again, and again. They have the advantage of being able to learn from and question warrior trainers who have been "in country" and can give them first-hand information — a benefit not available to troops going over in the first years of the

war. When they get back to the tent, they do get to use their iPods and cellphones; they also have access-to exercise equipment, books, and board games, and a fair bit of "down-time" is built into the training schedule. Some units play cards and watch movies in the MWR tent. That stands for Morale Welfare and Recreation. So Army! One expression we heard in playful reference to the tree-lighting celebration was "mandatory fun."

Most of the young soldiers we watched in training exercises in Fort Dix's Balad were from the Kentucky National Guard. A few days before the holiday weekend they'll be able either to go home on a four-day pass or have families visit them on the base. Some of the National Guard units have extensive family readiness groups and with the aid of state funds have provided money to fly the soldiers home for the holiday. Seen from our balcony vantage point as they set out on their (to use the official term) Urban Terrain Combat Mission, they look painfully vulnerable. You can't help thinking, "This isn't enough, this can't be enough." The truth is that no matter how many questions are asked and answered, no matter how deeply they are "immersed" during mere months of warrior training, this is only a dress rehearsal compared to the reality.

Some 20,000 troops have gone through warrior training at Ft. Dix since It was instituted in January of this

The Tour Leaders

Both our guides write for the Post, the Fort Dix week-ly newspaper, which has a version of Town Talk called Dixan On the Street (the question of the day is nicely put: "Which option is the best? Go Big, Go Long, or Go Home?"). First Sergeant David Moore, who did the

driving and was wearing civilian clothes, has considerable newspaper experience in and out of the army, as a reporter, feature writer. stringer, and assignments editor. First Lieutenant Antonia Greene, who was in uniform, is a Public Affairs Officer, and in the admiring words of Sgt. Moore, she's 'a go-getter, a hard-charger." A true blue Philadelphian, she loves the Eagles, and was their media coordinator to the NFL. After graduating high school, she took a split option, started college right away (Temple), and next summer deployed to Germany with Operation Task Force Keystone. She was in Iraq from June 2004 to August 2005 assigned to an infantry battalion, Pennsylvania National Guard, in a highly volatile area, Al Anbar province, where she coordinated information with embedded media stars like Christiane Amanpur and Dan Rather and often found herself quoted (if not always by name) in major publications like the Washington Post. She's proud of the combat action badge she earned in a FOB where creature comforts were few and far between.

'There's reasons why women aren't in the infantry," she admitted, "but I wouldn't trade the experience for the world. If I was called I'd be right back there again."

She also seemed comfortable both as 1st Lt. Greene and Antonia, who was warm, lively, personable, and attractive, with a nice sense of humor, and a gift for expressive flourishes that showed her Italian side (the other side, her father's, is English). More impressive yet, she was capable of maintaining a soldierly femininity under 75 pounds of gear and enjoyed an easy rapport with everyone we

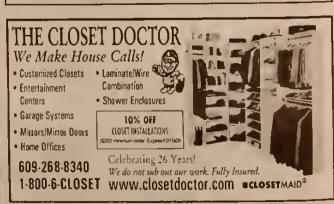
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encountered during the time she was showing us around.

Princeton Chaplains In Iraq

Talking about Christmas 2004/New Year's 2005, when she was at FOB Habbaniyah approximately 15 kilometers west of Fallujah and 20 kilometers east of Ramadi, Antonia mentioned the chow hall, evening services at the chapel, being amused by a soldier playing his trumpet less than brilliantly. "It was a small close knit community of soldiers, sailors, airmen, and marines. About 1,000 troops, so we all knew each other for the most part. 1 remember we barbequed hamburgers, hotdogs, and chicken New Year's Eve. We all made the best of it ... and the Chaplain had enough stockings for all of us donated from his parish and community back home - he went to Princeton, Lt. Col. Doug Etter."

After some online checking, I found that Lt. Col. Etter is a Presbyterian minister, and a graduate of the Princeton Theological Seminary. You can meet Lt. Col. Etter and get an idea of what it was like in that particular part of the war zone by going to www.soldiertomovies.org. In a letter home he wrote on New Year's Day 2006, he speaks of going "from practicing first aid on mannequins to caring for friends whose blood and cries are all too real, from pretending

it will be like, to experiencing our new reality up close and personally (and sometimes, trying to forget that reality). Our year has been packed with fear, valor and boredom, sweat, tears, and monotony. We have brought out the best in one another. We have laughed, cried, celebrated, mourned, planned, played, suffered and rejoiced together. We have supported, strengthened, protected and cared for one another."

Lt. Col. Etter then describes how a sniper shot and killed a soldier "at the very place where we worsoldier "lost his battle against a systemic infection that attacked him after he was terribly burned with four of his squad members when their vehicle was hit by two IEDs."

Wounded

At one outpost an our tour, our guides introduced us to Sgt 1st Class Kenneth Cherry, who escorted us to a vantage point looking out on one of the main battlefields, a terrain wild and wide enough to make you think you were in Texas, not New Jersey, and looking big enough to contain the Princeton Battlefield ten times over. Fort Dix comprises 33,000 acres, by the way, further evidence, along with the Pine Barrens that this little state with its stereotyped 1-95 image has dimensions way beyond anything the Jersey bashers can

Sgt. Cherry was part of a mobile integration training

and trying to imagine what team along with less than a dozen soldiers and officers assigned to an Iraqi Army Battalion bordering Lt. Green's Battalion's area of responsibility. "He was right next to me the whole time over there," she said. "We just didn't know it. He was injured during a routine urban presence patrol. A single bullet struck him through both legs." In less than two weeks, after the shrapnel had been dug out, he returned to duty. And he fought at Falluja. So you know that he's seen the worst of the war. At one point earlier in the day, when Lt. Greene was shipped" and how another asked if a wounded soldier she'd been talking about was 'okay" now, she said, "sure," brightly and breezily before catching herself and adding, "Nobody's okov."

You wonder how Sgt. Cherry could come out of something like Falluja without looking haunted. He's a big, genial, solid, centered man who means it when he smiles and whose eyes are clear and bright. He believes in the mission and would gladly go over there again, if called. In his presence, you realize that there is a military ideal that transcends specific wars, it's like the difference between art and politics, craftsmanship and corporate overkill. Whatever you may think about the distance between the stated goal and the reality of Iraq, soldiers like 1st Sgt. Cherry are dedicated to service in the most profound sense of the word, regardless of whether or not the nation they serve has lost its way.

-Stuart Mitchner



IRAQ IN NEW JERSEY: Welcome to Balad, where troops bound for Iraq experience "theater immersion" under the guidance of warrior training instructors who have been there and can answer their questions about what is in store for them when the simulation becomes real.



FIRST LT. GREENE: Antonia took this self-portrait after conducting a 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. tour of Fort Bix, along with 1st Sgt. Bavid Moore, who did the driving. As we drove for miles and miles of the 33,000 acres past dummy IEDs, with our flashers flashing should we be mistaken for an "enemy vehicle," Antonia was asked what rock groups soldiers in Iraq were listening to. She mentioned that "Highway to Hell" by AC/DC was big because that's what they call Highway 10 between Ramadi and Falluja.

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Through means of a draft and naturalist retained by the Borough to assess the plagued the woodsy park neighbors. for years might be better or a landscape architect.

the municipality may decide report to a municipality. to bring more consultants on to the Job.

for proposal, or RFP, that for serious engineering work was sent out by the Borough prior to taking on any kind of

While a full scale inventory ostensibly posting a help and subsequent naturalist's wanted ad for a consultant assessment of Harrison who would work on the Street Park has advanced park for a fee was initially rehabilitate the expanse services of a landscape architecture and engineering bounded by Alken and architect. In the RFP, Harrison Streets, It has the Borough essentially also raised some concerns, sought design proposals already delivered one particularly related to and potential solutions report to the Borough, is, in rehabilitating Harrison Street Park. The RFP Stewardship Plan presented included regular landscape evaluation. to Borough officials and architect functions, residents by Stephen engineering specifications Hiltner, a Borough resident and water drainage problems, according to Andrew Koontz, a Borough park, several residents who Councilman who has have suggested that the served as an unsanctioned drainage problem that has governmental liaison to the

After a series of assessed by a civil engineer community meetings, it was determined that And while it is likely that rather than approach park the full Borough Council rehabilitation by contracting will not hear Mr. Hiltner's with a parks consultant, a report until sometime naturalist would conduct an toward the end of January, assessment and deliver a

But "this was in no way intended to be a substitute The preliminary request for landscape architecture or

rehabilitation," Mr. Koontz sald Monday at Borough Hall before a handful of residents. Instead, he dubbed Mr. Hiltner's proposal as a "first step" and that once this particular assessment has been evaluated, plans

Mr. Hiltner, who has by contract, required to conduct two studies for

Mr. Koontz's comments stem, In part, from a resident's letter sent to Borough Mayor Mildred Trotman outlining a list of concerns, particularly with Mr. Hiltner's evaluation of stormwater drainage. The letter, signed by Don Cox, a Borough resident who has been involved with the neighborhood group, Harrison Street Park Friends, expressed concern that the initial RFP was "overly broad in scope as assessing water drainage and park usage," adding that those issues may fall out of the purview of a naturalist's expertise.

Mr. Cox did not discount Mr. Hiltner's ability to

assess the park, calling him "honest," "genuine." him "honest," "genuine," and "objective," but he did emphasize that "in the areas of drainage and usage, the assessment report falls short of the RFP requirements.

"I would recommend getting a second opinion from a civil engineering firm or landscape architect to address the drainage issues independent of the natural aesthetic concerns," the letter read.

In addition to drainage, Mr. Hiltner's assessment makes reference to several other issues reflecting several residents' concerns, including tree management recommendations, the creation of a diversity of habitats, and overall park usage. Princeton arborist Robert Wells provided an evaluation of the park's existing trees. Of the 217 trees larger than 4 Inches In diameter, Mr. Wells has identified 23 of those as dead, damaged, diseased, or hazardous.

Mr. Hiltner said diversifying tree species would also enable a "future generation" of trees to replace the existing, aging

-Matthew Hersh

Police Blotter

Princeton Township

driving a 2003 Chevrolet without a license. Trall Blazer, collided with Ronald Levandusky, 38, of Avenue. As Mr. Crowley's for approximately 50 feet and came to rest on its roof \$25,000 ball. in the yard of a nearby residence. The Princeton First

treated for minor cuts and bruises, and subsequently released. Mr. Crowther was uninjured and was issued a summons for failing to stop at a stop sign.

Township Police re- The following DWI arrests sponded to the scene of were made in Princeton an automobile accident at Township: Peter R. Palmer, the intersection of Hartley 28, of North Brunswick; Avenue and Broadmead on Jesus Marroquin, 44, of the morning of December Princeton Borough. Mr. Mar-6 when Stephen Crowther, roquin was also charged with 48, of Princeton Township, reckless driving and driving

Princeton Borough

Following an investiga-Bricktown, who was driving tion stemming from a No-Body. According to police vember 16 report of a theft of heirloom jewelry from a driving eastbound on Broadmead and failed to stop at Micah Timberlake Moore, the stop sign at Hartley 22, of Princeton Borough, Estee Nunes-Henriques, 24, section, Mr. Levandusky's of Princeton Township, and automobile was struck, causing it to strike a curb and roll over. Mr. Levandusky's December 8, charging them automobile slid on its side with burglary and theft. The

An investigation is cur-Aid & Rescue Squad brought rently underway following Mr. Levandusky to the Uni- a December 4 report of a versity Medical Center at break-in and subsequent sil-Princeton, where he was verware theft from a private Princeton Borough residence on Hodge Road. According to police, the house was entered by force through a rear door sometime between 1:30 and 3 p.m., and the reported items were removed from the house. No suspects were reported when Town Topics went to press.

> The following DWI arrests were made in Princeton Borough: Colin Johnson. 19, of Trenton; Patrick A. McBrayer, 55, of Newton, Pa.; Mayobanex Debernard-Vindas, 27, of Princeton Borough; Michael Manex, 41, Plainsboro; Maryin E. Gonzalez, 21, of Princeton Borough.

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ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

A former painter and printmaker who taught at the Adult School, Helen Schwartz changed her artistic focus when she took a course there on basketmaking, a decade ar sa aga. Yau can see same af her unconventional baskets - she avoids handles so that peaple will not use them far carrying — in the Arts Council shop in the conTEMPORARY Arts Center. These artworks have "laak at me" written all aver them. Same of them say "pick me up." None of them say "put stuff in me." Ms. Schwartz works in traditional materials such as reed and ash, and also in uncanventianal materials such as handcast paper and speaker wire. While she still teaches, her classes are rarely in basketmaking because students often expect to be able to do in six weeks what it takes six years to master. Baskets cannot be hurried and that suits her fine. "When I am working, there is nothing else," she said. "Samehow or other there's a Zen for me ta making a basket; it feels gaad to work. When I used to paint sometimes I'd have a phone in my ear. But this balances me. It's a wonderful Linda Arntzenius



Helen Schwartz

olo hu Linda Arolou

The first basket I made, I knew I had hit a new space in my iife. It was like going to graduate school. I found another teacher in South Jersey and then I worked with Indian weavers in Maine and worked with Cherokee basket makers in Taos. For the first couple of years, I worked on traditional baskets. You can't do any art until you've mastered the craft. I like to work with antlers because if you start with an antler it determines in some way the form of the basket, which Is not what you expect and I like that. I am thrilled to have this moose antler, given to me by Peter Soderman. I don't know where he got it but I Inve it. In 45 states you cannot sell anything with white deer parts, which is interesting considering there are so many of them and people are being paid to kill them. I don't believe in killing deer. I don't believe in any recreational killing, so I try to find branches that look like antlers. Antlers force you into working in shapes and forms that are unique; things happen with them that would not happen with anything else.

I also work with reed, with cast paper, and in speaker wire, which is flexible and very weave-able. I do a lot of work in archival paper; it's not fragile; it's very sturdy. I paint it and then run It through a pasta paper to make ribbons. I've used photographic prints, Irish linen and crochet, which I learned about two years ago. I thought if I could make a hat, I could make a basket. Hand-split ash is a wonderful material to wnrk with but it's very expensive unless you start with the tree and that's not what I want to do, I want to make baskets and have a good time doing that. Sometimes I incorporate rocks from my driveway or I find things in the street. I'm not a collector; I'm an acquirer. I walk all over town and rarely get in my car.

Elvis

For six months I worked with gourds; then there are my Elvis baskets. About six years aga, I discovered that Graceland had an Elvis-inspired art show. People submitted work an velvet and lampatindes, just what you'd expect. I got a book of Elvis pictures, made a collage, and then scanned them onto archival paper and wove with them. It got honorable mention, third prize something like that. I got a sparkly certificate with a picture of Elvis on the front.

The nice thing about weaving baskets is that you can do it anywhere. My official place for making baskets is in the basement of the house. I used to do all my work in the pantry where there's water — important because you have to work wet if you are working in reed. My upstairs studio Is where I painted and made prints. It's where I used to live, but I don't like being there now, unless I'm doing something exceptionally messy. It's like going away, like leaving town.

i call myself a basketmaker. When I went to art school, crafts were not taken seriously; there was a lot of condescension. Craft is very serious these days. There is much original thoughtful work being done in crafts whether it's wood or glass or textile. The idea of making something that I can hold appeals to me. I don't care about utility as much as the fact that I can hold it. I don't know why it's more satisfying to me than painting and printmaking, which I did for years and years.

Process

I stopped working on art for two years while I wrote a book on architecture [The New Jersey House, Rutgers University Press, now out of print]. I finished the book the same year my son finished college and I looked around my studio and thought why am I doing this? I've got hundreds of prints, hundreds of paintings and the world doesn't need any more. So, I went to work. I've taught basketmaking at Montgomery Center for the Arts and painting at the adult school as well as architecture and art history there. Now I'm teaching an art history type course. I knit, I crochet; I like to make things. All my life, when I wasn't working, I was cooking or working on my house. I don't do work that is very fine, I like things that have mass, things that are loosey goosey and not functional.

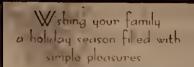
I was born and raised in New York City and came to Princeton 46 years ago when my first husband had a job here with the Gallup organization. We couldn't afford to live in Princeton, so we rented in Grover's Mill for a couple of years before moving to this house. My daughter Lisa was in third grade and my son Eric was in first grade when we moved here in 1969. It had been a rooming house and it was a serious dump, which was the only way we could afford anything in Princeton. We spent two months with wallpaper steamers removing wallpaper that was all over the ceilings and wall, hefore we moved in. I spent three years strlpping the wood doors of turquoise paint. The house has been my hobby for a long time.

My parents were very simple people. My mother was an interior decorator. At one point when we were visiting a museum she told me that as a young girl she used to be good in art, so perhaps there's a genetic component there. The grandchildren all have the gift, so I make that assumption.

Lisa lives in New York City where she's a news researcher for ABC. Eric is an attorney in Wilmington, Delaware. I have a 12-year-old grandson, Will, and nine-year-old twin granddaughters, Anna and Madeline. Will has been a ballet dancer of serious intent since he saw *The Nutcracker* when he was 5.

When I was their age, I had no ambition. I thought I'd grow up and get married. The baskets are the first thing that has given me focus. Things always worked out well for me but things sort of just happened to me. While I did art all my life, I felt that at any given moment I could walk away from it. But I don't feel that way with basketmaking. It nourishes me. When I started, I looked at the Adult School catalog and thought shall I do baskets or shall I do music appreciation. The one thing I really believe is that you have to have space in your life for things to happen to you, otherwise nothing happens, life just goes on and on.

I'm not a very patient person; I'm an instant gratification person. But there are no shortcuts to making a basket; either you do it right or its wrong. Basketmaking has taught me to enjoy process. I'm not doing It to make a basket, I'm doing it because I love making a basket.



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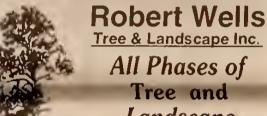
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students' day.

Since then, state representatives have been crafting legislation that, according to Ms. Wilson, has great potential to "severely and negatively impact Princeton Regional's funding, gover-Assistant SuperIntendent Regional's funding, gover-for Human Resources Lewis nance, and personnel." She urged Princeton residents to Goldstein said Friday that contact regional legislators substitutes in anticipation either by phone or by e-mail. The ability of our community to maintain its high level Because some Princeton of educational excellence stands to be compromised teachers had volunteered to by state mandates," she

ery staff member attending said. Commenting on what many perceived as a process that has been on a fast track toward a vote by the Corzine On Monday, an e-mall administration, PRS Board sent by the high school to of Education member Mia parents alerted them to the Cahill said: "I am very con-Core Plan" vote in the state cerned about a rushed desenate (Senate bill S42) and cision-making process that urged them to call the Gov- may ultimately end in adding ernor (609) 292-6000), Sen- a layer of bureaucracy to our ate President Codey (973) schools, while at the same 731-6770, and speaker time removing local control Roberts (609) 292-7065 to and our ability to maintain voice the view that the bill is the unique intellectual qualneither good for New Jersey ity of the Princeton schools. communities nor Its public As a Princeton taxpayer, I am also very concerned that In October, state legisla- what might seem like a quick tors released a list of 98 rec- fix in Trenton, might actually ommendations - many of create a worse situation for them directed at the public our district budget.

For more information ing property taxes in New about this Issue, visit www. Jersey. Representatives of nilegistate.ni.us, or www. the New Jersey Education njsba.org.

—Linda Arntzenius

W. Local Fare from Princeton's kitchens

> Linda Wood Hopewell Public Library

Black Bean and Vegetable Wrap

Jenni Spencer, director of the Hopewell Public Library, first tasted these hearty wraps when Linda Wood brought them to a Potluck Party for the volunteers at the Hopewell Library. She said they were snatched up and gubbled down in a hurry. These tasty wraps are the perfect quick and healthful dinner for the heetic holiday season - which is also a good time of year to take a moment to remember the huge contribution that public libraries and library volunteers make to the quality of life in our communities.

Serves 4 11/2 thisp olive oil 2 large garlie cloves, minced I cup diced red bell pepper l cup diced yellow hell pepper I cup ½-inch cubes zucchini Loup 1/2-inch cubes peeled butternut squash I cup chopped red onion 2 tsp ground cumin Salt and pepper, to taste 1 15-oz can black beans, drained I cup grated Monterey Jack cheese I package burrito-size flour tortillas 4 thisp chopped fresh cilantro Salsa, to top Sour cream, to top

Heat olive oil in a large heavy skillet over medium-high heat. Add garlic and stir for 30 seconds. Add bell peppers, zucehim, butternut squash, and onion and sauté until crisp-tender, about 8 minutes. Mix in cumin and continue to sauté until vegetables are tender, about 2 minutes longer. Season with salt and

Place heans in a large bowl; mash coarsely with a fork. Mix in vegetables and cheese

Place tortillas on a work surface. Spoon a line of filling down the center of each and sprinkle with cilantro. Roll up tortillas, enclosing the filling. Arrange wraps, seam side down, on a haking sheet. (This dish can be made I hour ahead of baking and left to sit at room temperature.)

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cover wraps with foil. Bake until filling is heated through, about 10 minutes. Cut each wrap into 2 or 3 sections. Serve with salsa and sour cream and a fresh green salad.

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the areas of insurance and sewerage costs. Further, there are no municipal staff reductions proposed. Both the Princeton Borough Police Department and the Princeton Regional Health Department have requested new positions, though the report Mr. Bruschi was slated to issue members of Council indicated that the merits of the new positions have yet to be evaluated.

The Borough is expected to see revenue increases in fees associated with alcohol licenses, housing, sewer service, municipal court, parking, and from special taxes levied on hotels and motels. Princeton University will also contribute \$1 million per the payment-in-lieu-of taxes arrangement as outlined in Mayor Mildred Trotman's inaugural 2006 state of the town address.

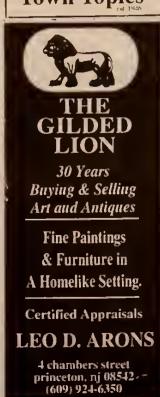
When the Borough Council adopted its 2004 budget, it also examined a policy measure that would rebuild the municipal surplus at \$250,000 per year with the aggregate target of putting aside 5 percent of the total budget in surplus. Mr. Bruschi's memo acknowledges that while close to \$570,000 has been put aside for surplus since then, the goal has not been "totally successful," as approximately \$1.2 million should have been amassed at this point. The goal has become "extremely important," the memo read, as the Borough moves toward permanent financing on past bond ordinances.

In the meantime, "every area will contain more dialogue," Mr. Bruschi said, adding that there "hasn't been any chance yet to pare down the numbers or look at justifications for increases.

"That's why this is labeled as a preliminary look," he said. "This will turn into a whole different animal."

—Matthew Hersh







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Calendar

Wednesday, December 13

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Annual Festival of Trees; Mor-Ven Museum & Garden, Stockton Street. Also Thur day and Friday from 10 a.m. Saturday and Su day from noon to 4 p.m. ven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street. Also Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sun-

11 a.m. to 2 p.m.: Drumthwacket Open House, 354 Stockton Street, Reservations required; call (609) 683-0057.

2 and 8 p.m.: Miracle on 34th Street; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Friday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

4:30 p.m.: James Madison Program Lecture, The Midterm Elections of 2006 and the Future of American Politics, by Claremont McKenna College Prof. of Government Andrew Busch; Friend Center 006, Princeton University. Free.

7:30 p.m.: Township Zoning Board of Adjustment; Township Municipal Com-

7:30 p.m.: A Christmas Carol: McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday and Friday at 7:30 p.m., Saturday and Sunday at 1 and 5:30 p.m.

8 p.m.: The Value of Names: George Street Playhouse, New Brunswick. Also Thursday at 2 and 8 p.m., Friday at 8 p.m., Saturday at 2 and 8 p.m., Sunday at 2 p.m.

8 p.m.: Mercer County Community College Jazz Band; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community Col-

8 p.m.: Princeton University Student Recital; Taplin Auditorium, Free.

Thursday, December 14

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board of Princeton; Township Municipal Com-

7:30 p.m.: "Post Election Reckoning" with Christine Todd Whitman; Media Center, Montgomery Upper Middle School.

7:30 p.m.: Arts Council's staged reading of Charles Evered play Adopt a Sailor; conTEMPORARY Arts Center, Princeton Shopping Center.

Friday, December 15

4 p.m.: Trenton After School Program dance performance; Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. Free.

7 p.m.; 'Twas the Night Before Christmas; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College, Also Saturday at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. and 4 p.m., Sunday at 2 and

7 p.m.: Princeton High ketFair, Route 1. School Studio Band's Community Swing Dance; Princeton High School Cafeteria.

8 p.m.: Princeton Pro Musica, Handel's Messiah; Richardson Auditorium. Also rium. Saturday at 8 p.m.

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory's Kaleidoscope Chamber Series concert, Music for Midwinter; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Voices Chorale concert, Festival of Candles and Carols; Pennington Presbyterian Church, Pen-

8 p.m.: You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown; Academy Theatre, Bordentown. Also Saturday at 2 and 8

8 p.m.: Greetings!; Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8

8 and 10:30 p.m.; Comedians Joseph Anthony and Anthony Spinner; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency, Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30.p.m.

Saturday, December 16

1 and 8 p.m.: American Repertory Ballet's The Nutcracker; State Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Sunday at 1 and 4:30 p.m.

2 p.m.: Book signing with Anne Margaret Lewis, author of Has Anyone Seen Christmas?; Barnes & Noble, Mar-

4 p.m.: Princeton Symphony Orchestra Annual Family Holiday Concert, with Princeton High School Choir; Richardson Audito-

p.m.: Tony Mennella and Dick Braytenbah Trio; Hopewell Valley Bistro, Hopewell.

7:30 p.m.: A Holiday Romance with cabaret singer Karen Mason; McCarter Theatre.

7:30 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater concert, HolidayFare; Grounds for Sculpture, Hamilton.

8 p.m.: American Boychoir; Princeton University

8 p.m.: Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale concert, Light — A Concert for Chanukah; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

Sunday, December 17

1 p.m.: Boston Pops Esplanade Orchestra; Sovereign Bank Arena, Trenton.

2:30 p.m.: Voices Chorale concert, Festival of Candles and Carols; St. Paul's Church, 214 Nassau

3 p.m.: New Jersey Opera Theater concert, Holiday-Fare; Zimmerli Art Museum, New Brunswick.

3 p.m.: Home For The Holidays concert with Millstone Valley Chorus and

The Brothers In Harmony; day from noon to 4 p.m. Mildred & Ernest E. Mayo Concert Hall, The College of New Jersey, Ewing.

4 p.m.: American Bouchoir; Richardson Audito-

4 p.m.: Princeton Area Homeschool Choir concert; Princeton Shopping Center.

8 p.m.: Westminster Community Orchestra Holiday Concert; Princeton High School Performing Arts

"Classic Oldies" Band; The Alchemist & Barrister, Witherspoon Street.

Mnnday, December 18

7:30 p.m.: Canadian Brass, Brass Music for the Christmas Holiday Season; Richardson Auditorium.

Tuesday, December 19

5 p.m.: Menorah Lighting in celebration of Hanukkah; Palmer Square North Plaza, Hulfish Street.

6 p.m.: Borough Merchants for Princeton Holiday Party; Nassau Inn.

7 p.m.: The Cheetah Girls; Sovereign Bank Arena, Tren-

Wednesday, December 20

10 a.m. to 3 p.m.: Annual Festival of Trees; Morven Museum & Garden, 55 Stockton Street. Also Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Saturday and Sun-

Wednesday, December 13:

10:30 a.m. Let's Talk: RC. 1:00 p.m. HOLIDAY PARTY; SPB.

10:30 a.m. Let's Talk in English Too!; RC. 1:00 p.m. Art with Hannah; SPB.

> Bereavement Support; SPB. Wonder of Wordplay; SPB.

Blood Pressure; RC

Social Bridge; SPB.

Computer Lab; SPB.

Blood Pressure; SC.

Let's Talk in English; SC.

Children of Aging Parents; SPB.

Art with Bob; SPB.

Let's Talk Too; SC.

Memoirs; SC.

11:00 a.m. Strength Training; SPB.

Literature; SC

9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB.

Thursday, December 14:

11:00 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.

11:30 a.m. Chair Exercise; SC.

9:30 a.m. Yoga; SPB.

Friday, December 15: 9:15 a.m. Aerobics; SPB 10:45 a.m. Ping-Pong; SPB.

Monday, December 18:

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10:30 a.m. Let's Talk; RC.

2 and 8 p.m.: Miracle on

34th Street; Bucks County Playhouse, New Hope, Pa. Also Thursday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Friday at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday at 4 and 8 p.m.

6:30 p.m.: Carols of Many Nations service; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Also at 8:30

7:30 p.m.: A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre. Also Thursday and Friday 9:30 p.m.: Moon Cats at 7:30 p.m., Saturday at 1 and 5:30 p.m., Sunday at noon and 4 p.m.

Thursday, December 21

8 p.m.: Eileen Ivers in An Nollaig/An Irish Christmas: State Theatre, New Bruns-

7:30 p.m.: Princeton High School Winter Choir Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

Friday, December 22

7 p.m.: Belle Mead Ballet Company's The Nutcracker; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 and 4 p.m.

8 p.m.: Dance Improv movement workshop; All Saints' Church.

8 and 10:30 p.m.: Comedians Jimmy Graham and Jeff Collins; Catch A Rising Star Comedy Club, Hyatt Regency. Also Saturday at 8 and 10:30 p.m.

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Zoning Board Meeting Tonight to Deal With Risk of Flooding at Harry's Brook

As the saying goes, when you're in a hole, stop digging.

Flooding continues to be a major environmental and last week ("Harry's Brook Keeps on Flooding as Township this work. Keeps on Treading Water," Town Topics, December 6).

What the article did not mention is that Princeton Township is considering a proposal that could make flooding on Harry's Brook even worse. The proposed Morgan Estates high-density development on the environmentally sensitive Princeton Ridge would likely increase stormwater runoff into Harry's Brook. The development would also fragment construction fence and create a temporary asphalt sideregionally important forested habitats and damage wet-

The Township's master plan and zoning currently prohibit high-density development on this tract. The Township should reject the proposed zoning variance that would allow

Those concerned about flooding and interested in protecting the Princeton Ridge from high-density development should come to a meeting of the Princeton Zoning Board this Wednesday, December 13 at 7:30 p.m. in the Princeton Township Municipal Complex.

> JIM WALTMAN Executive Director

Stony Brook-Millstone Watershed Association

Sponsors of Festival of Trees Party Thanked by Morven Museum & Garden

To the Editor:

The success of the Festival of Trees preview party held at Morven on Sunday evening, December 3, was due in no small part to the generosity of our sponsors and the support of our community.

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Special thanks go to the decorators of the Auction and Gallery trees done by business organizations, garden clubs, and members of the community. These will be enjoyed by visitors to Morven until January 7.

The members of Morven's Festival of Trees Committee and the dedicated loyal staff of Morven have our heartfelt appreciation for their untiring efforts toward the success of this event.

DAPHNE TOWNSEND, VICKI TRAINER Co-Chairs

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Police Department Urged to Institute Training Against Alleged Racial Bias

To the Editor:

If the Borough police needed reassurance that they can sit back and not address the concerns raised by community members at the November 27 meeting, then Councilman Koontz' letter (Town Topics, December 6) gave it to

I arrived at the meeting in time to hear the Rev. Branscomb describe more than one instance in which he has been treated with appalling rudeness by members of the Borough police. If the clergy from a white congregation had been treated in that manner, their congregants would not have stood for it. Why is the entire Princeton community not outraged? How many people have to report this kind of treatment to be believed? How many times does it have to happen to convince white people that racial bias is alive and well?

Instead of trading off one group against the other, Councilman Koontz could have expressed his concern for the safety of Hispanic residents and at the same time called for the Borough Police Department to institute continuous anti-bias training and review to protect African American residents. It's not uncommon for those in power to play one minority group against another so that white residents can again say, "It's not my problem," when the real problem is the on-going, deeply ingrained white attitudes of privilege and bias. Until white people address these attitudes and insist that government officials, school personnel, storekeepers, etc. do the same, neither Hispanic nor African American nor any other vulnerable group is safe.

LINDA OPPENHEIM South Harrison Street

Arts Council Regrets Inconvenience Arrival of U-Store on Nassau Street .

To the Editor:

As the staff and board of the Arts Council of Princeton Center for the Arts, we are also conscious of the fact that the closing of the sidewalk adjacent to the construction site causes inconvenience to pedestrians, and in particular to our immediate neighbors. The closing of the sidewalk was necessitated by work being done by PSE and by the Borough that relates in part to the widening of Witherspoon economic problem on Harry's Brook, as you pointed out Street. Unfortunately, we do not control the timetable for

> We recently met with Borough officials and have agreed that our contractor, at our expense, will assist the Borough in removing debris in the area of Witherspoon Street where the sidewalk was closed. We are told by the Borough that, barring any unforeseen delays, work should be completed within the next two weeks. At that time, we will move our walk, also at our expense. We regret the inconvenience, but hope this will remedy the problem.

JEFF NATHANSON **Executive Director** Arts Council of Princeton

Of Construction Site Sidewalk Closing Represents a Town-Gown Handshake

I was both pleasantly surprised and encouraged by the celebrate the progress of construction on the Paul Robeson announcement that Princeton University is moving elements & of its U-Store to Nassau Street.

> In one move Princeton has gone from being a town with a university to becoming a university town. The fact that it took Nassau Hall 250 years to make this necessary change is in itself a mystery; however, better late than never. Like the Harvard Coop, the U-Store will now serve to anchor the downtown, helping its own sales and providing a great boost to the existing downtown merchants.

The announcement couldn't have come at a better time. The retail game in the Princeton area is about to change 🖣 and the downtown really needed a shot in the arm like this to help strengthen its foundation.

In thanking the University and praising its vision, the announcement on December 4th was, for me, a real Communiversity Day. The town and gown finally come together; is and Nassau Street, which for too long has been a psycho- 🗟 logical barrier, now becomes a bridge.

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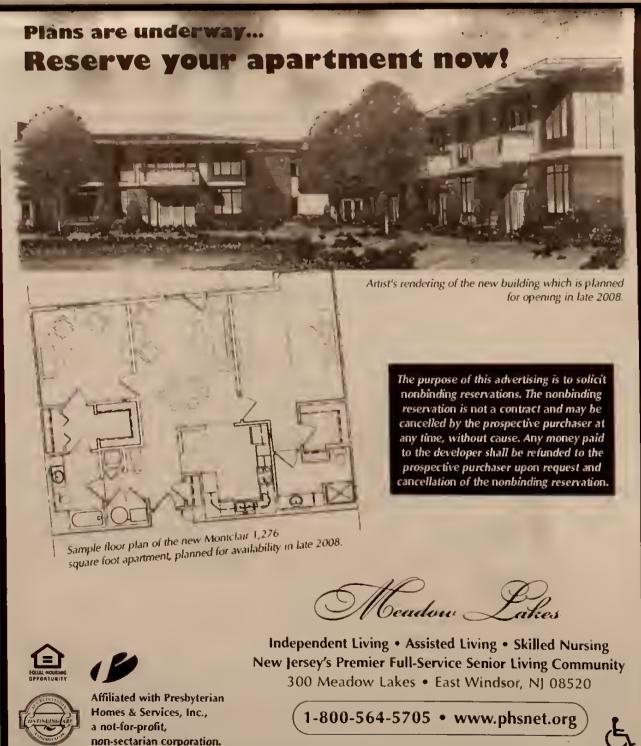
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Young Achievers Salutes Supporters: Businesses, Foundations, Individuals

To the Editor:

We offer our warmest holiday thanks to those who so generously support Princeton Young Achievers, where nearly 100 children (K-5) from low- and moderate-income families receive after-school tutoring and enrichment.

Thanks, first of all, to the three community partners that provide us with space for our programs: The Housing Authority of the Borough of Princeton, which provides us with our learning centers on Clay Street and at the Redding Circle Apartments; Princeton Community Housing, which provides us with our center at Princeton Community Village and funding for teachers' salaries; and the Princeton Regional Schools, which provides us with office space.

We also thank the Arts Council of Princeton for making arts instruction available at our learning centers on Fridays. For the first time since our founding in 1993, our doors are open five days a week. Thanks to the Small Miracles Foundation, PYA students are enjoying music instruction. We're also proud to announce that we will be participating in EPICS (Engineering Projects in Community Service), a new University program that will give PYA students a chance to work with Princeton undergraduates on a project involving the restoration of a 19th-century clock.

We could not sustain our programs without financial support from many charitable organizations and companies. Bristol-Myers Squibb has provided generous funding in the past and significantly increased its support this year. We also receive grants from the United Way of Greater Mercer County, Mary Owen Borden Foundation, Bunbury Company, Corella and Bertram F. Bonner Foundation, Princeton Area Community Foundation, Bloomberg LP, J. Seward Johnson Foundation, and Credit Suisse.

We are also grateful for the generosity of the First Baptist Church, Mount Pisgah AME Church, Church Women United Princeton, Witherspoon Presbyterian Church, and the Soroptimist International Club of Princeton. Hundreds of individuals and family foundations in the Princeton area have also provided financial support, including major gifts this year from G. Whitney Snyder Charitable Fund, Imada Foundation, The Elias Foundation, and several anonymous donors.

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We extend a special thanks to the administrators of the Princeton Regional Schools and the representatives of Princeton Borough and Township who have been so supportive of our efforts. We also thank the Parent Teacher Organizations of the elementary schools for their support, as well as our friends at Princeton Human Services, The Princeton Public Library, Cotsen Children's Library, Community House at Princeton University, and HiTops.

Finally, thanks to the many volunteers whose energy and talent inspire the children of PYA. We could not do it without you.

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Princeton Young Achievers

Princeton School Gardens Cooperative Seeking Outdoor Classes for Children

To The Editor:

We write to let the community know about a project that is attracting broad support from people in Princeton who are interested in children's health, wellness in general, and garden-based education. The newly formed Princeton School Gardens Cooperative hosted a recent meeting bringing together teachers, parents, Borough Council, Master Gardeners, the Princeton Garden Club, and an assortment of health and nature educators.

As State education and mental health officials orient their missions more and more toward a wellness perspective, creating outdoor classrooms makes more and more sense. We are currently mining the district curriculum for logical garden ties to health and academic subjects, K through 5. With this letter we'd like to acknowledge the long hours put in by parent and teacher volunteers and especially the local businesses who make these projects possible: Whole Earth Center, the bent spoon, Terhune Orchards, Terra-Momo, small world coffee, Cherry Grove Organic Farm, and Camillo's Cafe.

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Chairman, Princeton School Gardens Cooperative
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Johnson Park Elementary School

Civil War Fiction

Suggestions from the Librarians at Princeton Public Library Prepared by Jane Brown, Reference Librarian

Andersonville, McKinley Kantor

This evocation of lovely woodland in Georgia turned into a hideous Confederate prison camp, and the interwoven stories of various individuals involved with it, won a Pulitzer Prize.

The Block Flower: A Novel of the Civil Wor Howard Bahr

The bloody battle of Franklin, Tennessee and its aftermath is seen through the eyes of individual soldiers under the command of General Hood.

The Bride of Texos, Josef Skyorecky

Two Czech immigrants, a brother and sister, escape the oppression of the Hapsburg Empire only to become embroiled in the American Civil War,

Cold Mountoin, Charles Frazier

A Confederate soldier deserts after being wounded and walks back home to his sweetheart through the war-torn South in this elegiac tale reminiscent of Homer's Odyssey.

Confederates, Thomas Kencally

The lot of impoverished white farm boys, who made up the hulk of the Confederate army is depicted, interwoven with the fortunes of a female Union spy and the first and second hattles of Manassas.

Deod Morch, Ann McMillan

This is the first book in an entertaining and well researched mystery series that features Narcissa Powers, a white widowed nurse, and Judah Daniel, a freed black herbalist.

Enemy Women, Paulette Jiles

The neighbor-against-neighbor nature of the Civil War in Missouri comes tragically alive in this story of a young woman falsely accused and taken prisoner as a Confederate

Fredericksburg:

A Novel of the Irish at Marye's Heights

Kirk Mitchell

Irish men, who survived the Famine and came to America for a better life, light against each other at the terrible "Stone Wall" in this story of the Irish experience in the Civil Wal.

Gone With the Wind, Margaret Mitchell

The classic saga of a young Georgia woman caught up in the Civil War and its aftermath was hought to vivid life in one of the most acclaimed films of all time (1939).

Jocob's Lodder:

A Slory of Virginia during the Wor

Donald McCarg

This family saga of a Virginia plantation clan and its staves hefore, during, and just after the Civil War, is told as a memoir to a WPA researcher in the 1930's.

Glory, Directed by Edward Zwick

The first Civil War regiment of all black soldiers and their young, inexperienced white commander courageously storm Fort Wagner, North Carolina, with tragic results.

The Killer Angels, Michael Shaara

This Pulitzer Prize winning novel is a meticulously researched, fictionalized account of the battle of Gettysburg as seen hy both sides.

Look Awoy and Unfil the End, Harold Coyle

A prosperous New Jersey husinessman avoids taking sides in the coming Civil War hy sending his sons away to school, one in the north and one in the south. This series follows the boys as they are caught up in the war on opposite sides.

Murder of Monossos:

A Harrison Roines Civil Wor Mystery

Michael Killian

Hairison Raines, a Pinkerton Secret Service agent, investigates murders in the wake of various Civil War battles in this mystery series.

Nowhere Else on Eorth, Josephine Humphreys In this fictional memou, an Indian girl and the desperately poor remnants of her Lumbee tribe in North Carolina are caught between the Union and Confederate armies.

Phontoms of a Blood-Stoined Period

Ambrose Bierce

These are the complete Civil War writings of the only important American writer who actually fought in the wai.

Porodise Alley, Kevin Baker

The devastating 1863 "draft riots" in New York City, during which Irish immigrants revolted against draft into the Union Aimy, are experienced by three women in the tenements,

Ploy for o Kingdom, Thomas Dija

A battered Confederate regiment encounters an equally battered Union regiment playing baseball in a shellered, unscathed field during the Wilderness campaign in 1864.

Rebel. Bernard Cornwell

This is the first book in the highly entertaining "Starbuck Chronicles" series in which Nathaniel Starbuck, a conflicted northerner, joins the Confederacy to spite his abolitionist preacher father.

The Red Bodge of Courage: An Episode of the American Civil War

Stephen Crane

The classic story of a young man's coming of age during the battle of Chancelforsville.

BOOKS

U.S.1 Poets Invite Tonight At Princeton Public Library

Poets Anne Marle Macari and Ed Roberson will be the poets featured in the US1 Poets Invite series tonight, Wednesday, December 13, at 7:30 p.m. In the first floor Community Room of the Princeton Public Library. Each poet will read for about 20 minutes before an open mic session.



Anne Marie Macari

Ms. Macari's poems have appeared in literary magazines such as The fowa Revlew, The American Poetry Review, and TrlQuarterly. Her first book of verse, Ivory Cradle, won the APR/Honickman first book prize in 2000. In the books Introduction, judge Robert Creeley, one of the judges for the prizes, states "The wonders here are those of perception, intuition, union, separation - and all the emotions these provoke. Anger, despair, but also Joy, love in its flooding recognitions, relief in the world's insistent substance.'

Ms. Macari's second book, Gloryland, was published in 2005, the year in which she won the James Dickey Prize for Poetry from Five Points magazine. She teaches at the New England College.



Ed Roberson

Mr. Roberson has published seven books of poetry, one of which was a winner of the Iowa Poetry Prize; another was a winner in the National Poetry Series Competition. Atmosphere Conditions was nominated by the Academy of American Poets for the 2000 Lenore Marshall Award and he Is also a recipient of the Lila Wallace Reader's Digest Writer's Award. His work has appeared in the Push-

cart Prize and Best American Poetry. He has taught poetry at the University of Pittsburgh, Rutgers Coflege, Rutgers University, and has appeared at the Dodge Foundation Poetry Festival. Recently retired from Rutgers, Mr. Roberson has Just completed an appointment as visiting artist at Columbia

College, Chicago. U.S. 1 Poets Invite brings some of the region's top poets to Princeton Public Library for monthly readings and open mic sessions. Cosponsored by the library and U.S. 1 Poets' Cooperative, the series is coordinated by poet and editor Lois Marle Harrod. The series continues on Wednesday, Jan. 24 at 7:30 p.m., when Ralph Angel and Catle Rosemurgy will read in the Community

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Frequently encountered easements include:

? Public utility easements—these are probably the most common types of easements; they provide public utilities (e.g., gas, electric, tele phone, etc.) or any corporation operating pipeline facilities (e.g., gas, oil pipelines) with the right to run lines or pipes over, across or under your property and generally provide the right to enter upon your property to install, maintain, inspect, operate or repair the utility lines or pipelines.

? Municipal Easements - these are becoming in creasingly common, and include grants for sewer, water, drainage, and conservation purposes (protection of woodlands, greenways, wetlands, etc.) which are given to the local minicipality or other governmental entity to provide benefits for the public good.

? Easements for encroachments - these are less frequent, but may, for example, permit a neighboring structure or fence to encroach, or overlap, onto an adjoining property.

? Driveway easements - often encountered when two adjoining properties share a common driveway located on the land of each adjoining property. Each owner grants the other an easement for ingress and egress over their part of the common driveway.

It is important to realize the ways in which use of your property may be restricted due to an easement. For example, if a sewer easement runs through your property, there may be restrictions against placing any structures over it, and if repairs are ever required, the holder of the easement will have the right to access the sewer line (usually by digging up your property!). If

tion easement, you may not have the right to cut down trees or build structures in the easementarea. And if you do build a structure without first obtaining any necessary approvals, you may have to later tear down the structure.

Fasements are usually created by an express grant of the right to others, often in the form of a formal agreement between the patties to the easement, which is set forth in a recorded deed or grant of easement. An express grant of an easement can also be made by reserving an easement in a deed, or providing for it on a filed map or survey.

Taisements can also be created by implication or necessity. If, for example, access to a piece of property is only obtainable over certain private roads, an easement may arise to provide

Finally, easements can be created by prescription, which is similar to adverse possession, simply by extended use over a prolonged period of time. If one can prove exclusive, continuous, uninterrupted, visible and notorious use for a 20-year period, (for example, a farmer's use of a dirt roadway to access a fundlocked field) one may acquire an easement.

It is important to be aware of what easements, if any, your property is subject to and to make yourself aware of what effect they may have on your enjoyment of your property.

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Charles Evered

"Adopt a Sailor" Reading Planned by Arts Council

The Arts Council of Princeton will present a staged reading of award-winning playwright Charles Evered's play Adopt o Sailor on December 14 at 7:30 p.m. at the conTEMPORARY Arts Center in the Princeton Shopping Center.

The play is about a couple from New York City who inadvertently "adopt a sailor" during Fleet Week and have their lives changed by the young man from Turkey Scratch, Arkansas. The theme concerns blue states, red states and all the colors in between, and the cast for the reading will include Wendy Rolfe Evered, Brian Slaten, and Scott Cohen.

Charles Evered took his undergraduate degree from Rutgers and a Masters of Fine Arts degree from Yale University, where he studied with George Roy Hill. He is the recipient of an Alfred P. Sloan commission at The Manhattan Theatre Club, The Crawford Playwriting Award, The Edward Albee/William Flanagan Fellowship, The Bert Linder Fellowship at The Millay Colony, The Lucas Artist Fellowship at Villa Montalvo, the \$15,000 Berrilla Kerr Award, and the \$20,000 Amblin/Chesterfield Writing Fellowship.

Mr. Evered's published plays include: The Size of the World ond Other Plays (1997), The Shoreham ond Other Ploys, (2002), Wilderness of Mirrors (2004), Clouds Hill (2005), and Celadine (2005). Another play, Ted's Heod (2005) was a Heideman Award finalist).

The playwright's work has been featured in The New York Times, NBC's Weekend Today Show, Sports Illustrated, BBC World, NPR, and ESPN'S Cold Pizzo. He has taught at Rider University, Carnegie Mellon University and at The University of California's new Palm Desert Graduate Center in Palm He has written screenplays

and Paramount Pictures, among others, and collaborated with Liev Schreiber on the screenplay adaptation of his play The Size of the World. He has also written an episode of the hit USA Network series Monk, starring Emmy winner Tony Shaloub. Currently, Mr. Evered is writing an original halfhour pilot for NBC.

Admission for the event is \$6/\$5 members. For more information call (609) 924-8777 or visit www.artscoun cilosprinceton.org. For more information on Charles Evered, visit his website at www.charlesevered.com.

zenberg's book traces the former governor's political career from early days in the state legislature to his key role as chairman of the 9/11 Commission. The senator commented: "Tom entire professional career www.princetonlibrary.org. to public life but perhaps his greatest accomplishment is his latest. With grace, wisfor Dreamworks, Universal, dom, and purpose, he led the bipartisan 9-11 Commission to produce a report of such force and clarity that it surely will be viewed by history as a major contribution to the security of the American people.

As spokesman for the commission, Mr. Felzenberg, observed the independent group's inner deliberations. Part of his role was to put in place a strategy to communicate the commission's message to the American people as well as to policymakers. He also served as principal spokesman for the non-profit successor organization, the 9/11 Public Discourse Project.

Mr. Felzenberg earned his doctorate in politics at Princeton University, where he served as a visiting professor of politics during this fall semester. He formerly served as a fellow at the Institute of Politics at the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and has held several senior-level posts on Capitol Hill, serving in two presidential administrations. In the 1980s, he was New Jersey's assistant secretary of state.

In addition to his political appointments, Mr. Felzenberg has has written for The Washington Post, The Philadeiphia Inquirer, The Boston Globe, The Weekly Standard, The Christian Science Monitor, among other

public servant," Mr. Fel- publications and has been a guest on major public affairs television and radio broadcasts, including CNN, Fox News, C-SPAN, and National Public Radio.

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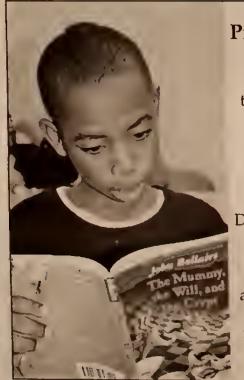
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the Middle East and con. been touring the world, flicts regarding ethnicity and consists of glant outdoor faith in other parts of the art pieces accompanied by world, the New Brunswick text panels in four different art community is spreading languages with quotes from a message of coexistence. leading thinkers, philoso-Speakers at a recent press phers, and writers. conference announcing a was originally displayed. To accept them." be on view from April 28 ceptance. Several pieces will es on display. also appear on the George Street side of Johnson & Johnson and on the lawn of the Hyatt Hotel.

groups in the city of New Brunswick and mentioned plans for a celebration dur- a video presentation of the ing the time the exhibition is on display. "The festival on world, accompanied by John ceptual Skills in Drawing May 5 and 6 will have art, Lennon's song "Imagine," music, food, and theater, and presenting statistics Workshop Drawing and and will bring the people together to appreciate and celebrate what makes up our community," he said.

The Coexistence Exhibi-

Rutgers Ceremony Touts tion, which began in 2001 swers to children with ques-"Coexistence" Exhibition at the Museum on the Seam tions about ethnic difference Amid ongoing violence in In Jerusalem and has since

'We are proud of the dinew outdoor art exhibit ti- versity at Rutgers. The varitled "Coexistence" included ety of backgrounds provides Rutgers University President differences in opinions, and ton has reposted the class Richard L. McCormick, New helps students learn more registration form back on its Brunswick Mayor Jim Ca- from each other," Mr. Mc- website, now that transmishill, and Ralphie Etgar, the Cormick said. "These dif- sion difficulties have been curator of the Jerusalem ferences can bring conflict resolved. museum in which the exhibit if we are not taught how to

The exhibit has visited the week of March 26. to May 20 in the Voorhees 24 cities including Belfast, Mall area on the College Berlin, Amsterdam, Mlami, Avenue campus of the Uni- Boca Raton, Zurich, Washversity, the exhibit's mission ington D.C., and Houston. ft is to bring together groups began with 24 pieces, and that are in conflict, through as the tour continues, new their art, which is displayed works of art are being added registration, membership In different languages. The through local competitions. applications, and donations message: diversity and ac- Currently, there are 60 piec-

"I found, at my age, I've done enough for myself, and mester include (for adults) I wanted to do something for Pastel Painting; Watercolothers. I felt there was a lot or: Limited Palette/Endless Mr. Cahill commented on of need in cities of crisis for Possibilities; Printing on the coexistence of ethnic the exhibit to trigger dialogue," said Mr. Etgar.

> exhibit in cities around the for Teens (Ceramics); Perindicating that since 1990, Painting. 3.6 million people have died because of ethnic differences.

es, because they will be the generation to come," Mr. Etgar said. "The art may only be a drop in the ocean, but it will give something good back to this world."

Winter Classes Posted On Arts Council Website

The Arts Council of Prince-

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A.R.T. WORK OF THE MONTH: Oecember's Painting of the Month, also Sculpture of the Month, is the work of Princeton A.R.T. artist isabell Viliacis, who created her six-toot tail 'Eltle! Tower' with Starbucks cottee cup holders, and a massive amount of black acrylic paint. A.R.T. has linked with Art Prime In Paris and has secured the tunding to start its tirst studio program on the European continent, in Paris. It all goes well Ms. Villacis will realize her dream of going to Paris as she accompanies the A.R.T. statt, the tirst A.R.T. artist to roll down the Champs-Elysees.

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Eleven of Ms. Sussman's landscape paintings will be on display. "My landscapes, like my flowers," sald Ms. Sussman, "are not merely intended to reflect nature but rather to project an In-ner reflection, a metaphori-cal journey." Most of the landscapes depict a body of water, Ms. Sussman's symbol for life, serenity, and the promise of achleving an Ideal.

Ms. Sussman's oil paintings have been featured in over 40 exhibitions in New York City and throughout the northeast.

& Johnson Plaza in New Brunswick and is open by appointment only. For more Information or to schedule a visit, call (732) 524-6957.

"Like Father, Like Son" At Pennswood Village

the work of area sculptor on to explain that his father's his father, Paul L. Mathews. and 1960s. "Like Father, Like Son" will

troductory Sculpture, John 9110.



"THERE": This 24 x 36 Inch oll on canvas by Llron Sussamn is among the works on view in "Vislons of Landscape," which will run through January 8, 2007, at Johnson & Johnson's World Headquarters Gallery In New Brunswick

Matthews has exhibited his work in many juried invitational shows in the New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania region from 1980 to Johnson & Johnson's the present. "If my father World Headquarters Gallery had been a sculptor," Mr. Is located at One Johnson Matthews said, "he would have fabricated works similar to mine. And if I were a photographer, I would make work similar to his. Both of us have an affinity for the tangible object, whether man-made or from nature. My father had a recipe for each print. His photographs Pennswood Village Gal- captured the symbolic meanlery In Newtown, Pa. Is cur- ing beyond the immediate rently hosting an exhibit of object." Mr. Mathews went John Mathews along with work, which had never been the related photography by exhibited, is from the 1950s

The Pennswood Village run through February 4, Gallery is located at 1382 Newtown-Langhorne Road Assistant Academic Dean in Newtown, Pa. (Route of Bucks County Community 413 South). For additional College and professor of In- Information, call (215) 968-



PRINCETON ARTISTS FOR PRESERVATION: Rajie Cook used the tools of the artists' trade to create this whimsical design for the D&R Greenway Land Trust's exhibition by local artists, "Princeton Artists Alliance and Preservation." The exhibition, which showcases work inspired by preserved land in the area, Is open Tuesdays through Saturdays trom 1 to 4 p.m. through Oecember 29 at the Johnson Education Center, One Preservation Place. All work is available tor purchase and 35 percent ot the sale price benefits O&R Greenway Land Trust. For more Intermation, call (609) 924-4646, or visit www.drgreenway .org.

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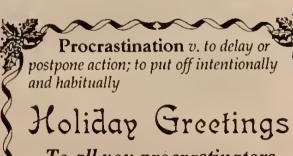


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"JESSUP RIVER": This work by Silvère Boureau will be on view at the Henderson Sotheby's International Realty office in Pennington through December 29. According to the artist, after coming trom western Europe where "the hand ot man on the landscape is omnipresent, the discovery of "wilderness" was a revelation."



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When he came here from France in 1982 Mr. Boureau was primarily an expression-Ist painter of the human form. However, the discovery of the American landscape and its interpretation by 19thcentury luminists, opened a new vision of painting for him. Seeking to experience the wilderness first hand, he went hiking in remote areas in the backwoods of Maine, the Adirondack Mountains, and the Grand Canyon. He was looking, he said,"for that special place - an out of the way valley, a hidden water fall in an untouched landscape, where you can feel the timelessness of ecosystems in perfect balance. I paint 'en plein air,' sketch, or take a photograph and then paint a larger picture in my studio. My intention is to capture and render the spirit of the place with minimal interpretation.'

The exhibit will be on display at the Henderson Sotheby's International Realty Pennington offices located at 2 Rt. 31 in Pennington.

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The Arts Council of Princeton's conTEMPO-Center, is presenting "Miss-Celebration of Our Commu- 24. nity Kiosks by Walter Frank, December 22. "Sauce for the Goose," the annual holi-day arts and crafts sale, will be held through December 22. There will be a staged reading of award-winning playwright Charles Evered's play, Adopt a Soilor, on December 14 at 7:30 p.m.

The Bernstein Gallery at the Woodrow Wilson School is presenting "Unacceptable Losses," a photo-documentary by Arthur Robinson Williams examining current U.S. drug policies and the individuals most affected by them, from now through January 19, 2007.

The Coryell Gallery at the Porkyard, 8 Coryell Street, in Lambertville, is currently presenting "Two Points of View," a special exhibit featuring oil painters Lisa Malian and Colette Sexton, which will run through January 14, 2007.

County Community Col- ber 23. lege is hosting "Channel Traces," an exhibit of artwork by Jean Burdick and Cathy Watkins, through December 20.

The Gallery at Plains. boro Public Library will be presenting "Hucksters, Beggars and Rebels," the mos, with an exhibit of the recent work of Lionel Good-

Gallery 14, 14 Mercer Street, in Hopewell, is pre-RARY Arts Center, located senting an exhibit of phoin the Princeton Shopping tography by Jay Goodkind and Karl Heinz Gartlgruber, ing Dog": A Photographic on view through December

Grounds for Sculpture which will be on display in will be hosting three exhibithe Reading Room through tions of contemporary sculpture through April 29, 2007. Manuel Neri's exhibition "Figure in Relief" will be on view in the Museum Building. Steven Siegel's "Wonderful Life" and the international Sculpture Center's 2006 Outstanding Student Achievement in Contemporary Sculpture Awards will be exhibited in the Domestic Arts Building. Honrs are Tuesday through Sunday, from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Grounds for Sculpture is located at 18 Fairgrounds Road, Hamilton.

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The Hopewell Frame Shop Gallery will be exhibiting work by Susan Winter, Beatrice Bork and Gail The Gallery at Mercer Bracegirdle through Decem-

Howard Gallery of Fine Art & Framing in New Hope, Pa. is hosting the annual group artist exhibit, through January 7. which will run the entire

is presenting "Poetry in Design: The Art of Harry Leīth-Ross," through March 4, 2007. "Duane Hanson: Real Life," will be on view through January 14. "Constructions: Photographs by Michael Becotte" will run through March 18, and an outdoor sculpture installation by Christoph Spath will be on view through February 25. The museum is located at 138 South Pine Street in Doylestown. For more

month of December.

'Form Radiating Life: The Paintings of Charles Rosen" will be on view in the Carol & Louis Della Penna Gallery at the Michener Museum at 500 Union Square Drive in New Hope through January

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The Jane Vorhees Zimmerli Art Museum in New Brunswick is presenting "Toulouse-Lautrec and the French Imprint: Finde-siècle Posters in Paris, Brussels, and Barcelona, which will be on view in the museum's Voorhees Special **Exhibition Galleries through** February 18, 2007. Other exhibits are "Word and Image: Visual Experiments of Soviet Nonconformist Artists, 1960s-80s" in the DuBrow Gallery through March 25, 2007, and in the Russian Special Exhibition Gallery: "Word and Image: of local French artist Silvère Visual Experiments of Russian Artists, 1910s-30s. The Zimmerli is located at 71 Hamilton Street on the College Avenue campus of Rutgers University In New Brunswick.

The Jewish Center at 435 Nassau Street is presenting "The Nature of Existence: Photographs by Maria Reim and Gil Gordon,"

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centerpiece of the exhibit at Morven Museum & Garden from December 6 through March 30, 2007. The living room is in a miniature model of the Large House located at 119 Main in Flemington.

World Headquarters Gal- perceptions of other cultures Exhibition "Cottage Induslery in New Brunswick is currently presenting "Visions of Landscape" featuring the work of Liron Sussman. Part of the company's ongoing New Jersey Artists series, the exhibition will continue through January 8.

Lachman Gallery, 39 North Main Street in New Hope, Pa. will be showing "Fresh Paint," pastels and oils of Bucks County by Al Lachman through December

The Montgomery Center for the Arts will be hosting an invitational art exhibition, "Science as Muse: Eight Artistic Riffs on Science and Technology," through February 4, 2007 at its gallery at the 1860 House in Skillman, New Jersey.

Morven Museum & Garden will showcase New Jersey architecture with the exhibit, "A New Jersey Treasure: The Large House in Miniature." The exhibit will be decorated for the holidays through January 7 and will remain on view through March 30.

The Nassau Club at 6 Mercer Street is presenting a solo exhibition by Gordon Haas titled "Our Local Area"

The Princeton Univer-1880s to the 1940s and will 14 in two side-by-side exhi-50 works on paper from the collections of the museum and the Department of Rare Books and Special Collections, Firestone Library. "Japanese Views of East and West: Imprinting the Other in Meiji Eyes," an exhibition of color woodblock prints focusing on the country's

ginning of the twentieth century, will be on view through January 7.

Red Green Blue at 4 Hulfish Street will be showing artwork by students from the Hun School this month in its new children's art gallery.

The Silva Gallery of Art at the Pennington School will present an exhibition featuring figure sculptures by Arts faculty member Dolores Eaton and photographs by senior Matthew Pandolfe. The exhibit will continue through December 14 with a closing gallery talk at noon.

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from the 1860s to the be- tries" is currently in place on the second floor of 100 Straube Center Boulevard in Pennington, located just off Route 31 and West Franklin Avenue. The exhibition will run through December 16.

> The Trenton City Museum at Ellarslie Mansion in Cadwalader Park presenting an exhibit of work by Carmen Johnson and Susanne Pitak-Davis through January 7, 2007.

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Director of Music at the Seminary, said that he plans www.ptsem.edu. "slightly different service every year, making sure to have an expression of different cultures." International members of the Seminary community, including citizens ol Ghana, Puerto Rico. Germany, Korea, and Talwan, will read Scripture in different languages.

Carols will be sung from countries on each continent, including Argentina, New Zealand, the Huron nation, Venezuela, China, England, France, Talwan, and the Yoruba people of Nigeria. The service will also include a piece written by Dr. 1-10 Loh. a professor and composer from Taiwan, who was also a mentor of Chl Yl Chen, the Seminary's choral assistant.

Dean Nancy Lammers Gross will lead prayers at the 6:30 p.m. service; president lain Torrance will lead prayers at the 8:30 p.m. service. After each service, the congregation will be invited to carol by candielight outside on the Seminary quadrangle.

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The concert will also include Bach's Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring, the traditional Sweet Little Jesus Child, and the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah, as well as Chanukah melodies like "Drei Dredeleh" with Rabbi Avi Weiss's thoughts on Chanukah.

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Westminster Conservatory Faculty Concert on Friday

As part of the ongoing Holidays at Westminster festival, Westminster Con-The program will conclude servatory's Kaleidoscope with a visit from Santa and Chamber Serles will presthe chance to join the Pops ent Music for Midwinter this Friday, December 15 at 8 p.m. in Bristol Chapel at Westminster Choir College. The 2006 season marks The concert will feature Westminster Conservatory ductor of the Boston Pops. faculty members perform-He has conducted more than ing seasonal music for voice, 900 concerts and made 63 flute, oboe, viola, cello, keytelevision shows, including board, and an assortment of

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> The program, with music spanning six centuries, will include two arias with obbligato instrument from works of J.S. Bach related to the Christmas season, Bereite dich, Zion for alto, oboe d'amore, and continuo from the Christmas Oratorio; and Erfüllet, ihr himmlischen Flammen for soprano, English horn, and continuo from Cantata 1, Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern. Programming of the 20th century will include Trois chants de noël for soprano, flute, and plano by Frank Martin, and A Little Suite for Christmas by George

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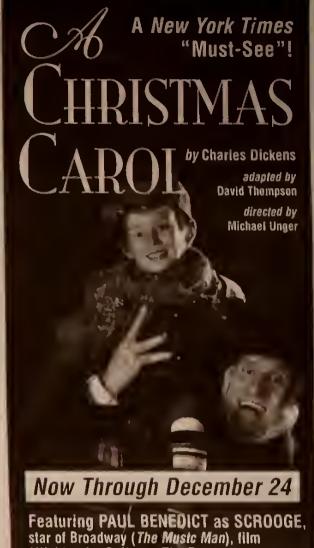
The Westminster Conservatory Youth Chorale, under the baton of conductor Frank Abrahams, will present Its annual Chanukah concert this Saturday, December 16 at 8 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the Westminster Choir College campus.

The program, entitled Light — A Concert for Chanukah, will include four works commissioned by the ensemble: Eitz Choyim and Yum Bum Bidi Bidi Bum by Michael Isaacson, Dreydi Voriations (A New Spin On An Old Song) by Phil Orr, and Vision for Peace (Lo Yisa Goy) by Eduardo Lakschevitz.

honors choir for high school students, has performed with Symphony and the Westminster Community Orchestra. In August It made its second concert tour of Brazil.

Prof. Abrahams is profeschair of the Music Education Department at Westminster Choir College. A native of Philadelphia, he holds degrees from Temple University and New England Conservatory. In addition to his work in music education and administration, he enjoys an active career in music theater and as a planist and choral conductor. The founder and conductor of the Westminster Conservatory Youth mer program for high school

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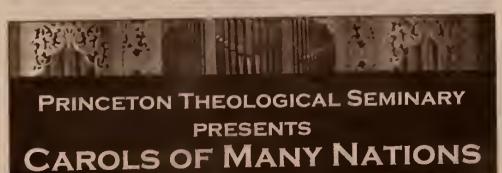
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Vienna's "Neuhjahrskonzert" Coming Here December 31

Salute to Vienna, the North American concert series that transports audiences to Vienna, Austria with its recreation of a Viennese New Year's celebration, will stop in New Brunswick on Sunday, December 31 at 6 p.m. for a special New Year's Eve performance. The State Theatre program will feature three Viennese performers - soprano Ingrid Mankhof. baritone Georg Lehner, and conductor Peter Guth.

Salute to Vienna is the only North American event of its kind, recognized by the City of Vienna as an authentic Viennese New Year's celebration. It is modeled on the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra's Neuhjahrskonzert (New Year's concert), broadcast live from Vienna's famous Musikverein concert hall every New Year's Day to an estimated 1.3 billion viewers around the world.

The performance involves a cast of 75 musicians, dancers, and singers from Europe and North America, presenting dances such as the Blue Danube Waltz and arias and duets from operettas such as Die Fledermaus and The Merry Widow.

Mr. Guth, considered one of the world's leading Strauss specialists, will be joined by opera singers from Vienna and Central Europe in addition to dancers from leading European and Canadian ballet companies.

For more than ten years, Salute to Vienna has entertained audiences at New York's Lincoln Center, Washington's Kennedy Center, The Kimmel Center in Philadelphia, Chicago's Symphony Center, and Los Angeles' Walt Disney Concert Hall. This season, the show will make its debut in Boston, Pittsburgh, and Costa Mesa, Calif., in addition to New Brunswick.

Salute to Vienna founders Attila and Marlon Glatz were recently recognized by the Austrian government and awarded the nation's prestigious Decoration of Merlt in Gold.



BALLERINAS MEET: Following an American Reperfory Bailet performance of "Nutcracker" highlights last week at Meadowlakes, residents Jeanette Wise and her husband Dan met with the Sugar Pium Fairy, Kristin Scott and her Cavalier, Andrew Notarlie. A retired ballerina who danced with the Paris Opera Bailet and starred in the Broadway musical "High Button Shoes," Mrs. Wise congratulated the dancers on their pertormances. The ballet company will perform Graham Lustig's The Nutcracker" with full orchestra at the State Theatre in New Brunswick this Saturday, December 16 at 1 and 8 p.m., and Sunday, December 17 at 1 and 4:30 p.m. Tickets range trom \$25 to \$45, with group, student, and senior discounts available. To order, call (732) 246-7469. (Photo by Graham Lustig)

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Trenton's TASP Students To Perform Dance Program

The Trenton After School Program will celebrate the culmination of a threemonth-long Community Artists Residency Training Series with a dance performance this Friday, December 15 at 4 p.m. at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, 801 West State Street, Trenton. The performance will be free of charge and open to the public.

The program will feature three inspirational dance pleces performed by TASP students who have been working with choreographer Carl Anthony. It will also showcase murals created by students that reflect the themes of balance, communication, and confidence.

Ricardo Coke serves as the mentor facilitator for a group of artists from Rutgers University who spent the fall semester working with 30 to 40 TASP students to create art in several fields – visual arts, multi-media, dance, music, and drama. The Community Artists Residency Training Series is sponsored by Rutgers University, Transcultural New Jersey, and the Institute of the Arts and Humanities.

TASP has become an arts program offering our children unique experiences with passionate artist teachers who are also terrific role models for them," said Jane Holmquist, TASP board chair. "We want to recognize Mr. Coke for his outstanding contribution to the disadvantaged youth of Trenton," she added. "He (Photo by Peter Martino) has labored to give them



CDMEDY TDNIGHT: More than 3D Princeton Day Middle School students in grades 5 through 8 worked with drama teacher Deb Sugarman to bring to lite a cast of talry tale and nursery rhyme characters for the school play, performed last week in the school's McAneny Theater. Pictured, trom lett, are Carolyn Kossow of Princeton and Brandon Glover of Trenton in the production, a fractured fairy tale titled "The Did Woman Who Lived in the Shoe." The verdict? Brilliantly funny," said Ms. Sugarman.

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Apocalypto CINE A PIEW Mel Gibson Makes a Messy Mayan Misadventure

it isn't anti-Semitic. A pretentious saga of Shakespearean proportions, it is set in pre-Columbian Mexico around 1517 A.D. during the declining days of the Mayan Civilization. Purporting to explore themes that range from revenge, to rebirth, to redemption, this mov-

ie is essentially a combination of a costume drama and an action film.

Since Mel Gibson's previous movie grossed a half billion dollars, he must have thought it would be acceptable to produce another movie with its dialogue in a dead language, However, The Possion of the Christ's combination of Latin and Aramale was tolerable because the audience didn't really need the subtitles to follow the familiar pas-

sages taken from the Gospels. Unfortunately, Apocolypto becomes a test of your patience for reading the translation of the dialogue that is written in an obscure Mayan dialect.

As the film unfolds, Jaguar Paw (Rudy Youngblood) is shown to be a noble brave who lives with his family in a community of peace-loving natives located in the jungle on the Yucatan Peninsula. The members of the primitive tribe of hunter-gatherers enjoy teasing and playing practical jokes on one another.

Segueing abruptly from laughter to slaughter, the tribe's idullic life is destroyed when they are attacked by an army of plundering marauders who are looking for females to rape and males to other-up as escribices to the gods. Just before he and the other male captives from his tribe are

bout the best that can be said for Apocalypto is that forced to march to a Mayan city, Jaguar Paw manages to lower his young son and pregnant wife (Dalia Hernandez) into a nearby hole, and he vows to escape and return to rescue them.

Upon the captives' arrival in the Mayan city, Jaguar's and his comrades' bodies are painted in preparation for

their decapitation on an altar before the court of the king. Jaguar manages to escape, and the chase is on. His adventure-filled trip home is a harrowing ordeal in which he survives by his wits as he strives to be reunited with his family. Fortunately, Jaquar knows the for-

est intimately, and therefore is able to avoid, or outwit: poisonous snakes, quicksand, killer bees, blow guns, spears, knives, traps, arrows,

YOUR FATHER PROMISED HE WOULD COME BACK TO GET US: Jaquar Paw's wite (Oalia Hernandez, center) puts on a brave front for her son after they are forced to hide in a hale in the torest floor in order to escape trom the marauders who attacked their tribe.

and a plunge over a waterfall.

he bloodletting in Apocolypto pauses only briefly to allow silly off-color asides and distracting allusions to other screen classics. An example is the scene where a macho Mayan is making his way across a busy thoroughfare, barking "I'm walking here!" o la Ratso Rizzo In Midnight Cowbov (1969).

It's not good when the most memorable moment of a film, set in the 16th century, has you reminiscing about Dustin Hoffman pounding on a cab in the middle of Broadway.

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Apocalypto (R for graphic violence and disturbing images). Mel Gibson directs this adrenaline-charged, mythical melodrama set during the decline of the Mayan civilization. Designated to serve as a sacrifice to the gods atop a great pyramid, Rudy Youngblood stars as a young tribesman, who flees the kingdom to avoid his fate only to return, ultimately, to exact retribution and to find his family.

Blaad Diamond (R for profanity and graphic violence). Historical drama, set in Sierra Leone in the Nineties during a civil war, follows the efforts of a fisherman (Djimon Hounsou) and a mercenary (Leonardo DiCaprio) who join forces to recover a priceless diamond and to secret it out of the country with the help of an American journalist (Jen-

Borot (R for profanity, crude sexuality, and nudity). Sacha Baron Cohen stars in the title role of this zany comedy as a journalist dispatched to the U.S. from his native Kazakhstan to make a documentary about America. Cast includes Pamela Anderson, Pat Haggerty

Cosino Royale (PG-13 for sexuality, nudity, torture, and violence). Daniel Craig is introduced as the new James Bond for the 21st installment of the 007 franchise. This remake, originally released in 1967 as a spoof starring Woody Allen, is based on the debut novel in lan Fleming's famed series. Bond is on a mission to Madagascar to track down a terrorist (Sebastien Foucan) planning to fund a diabolical plot with casino prize money. Cast includes Dame Judi Dench, Jeffrey Wright, Giancarlo Giannini, Caterina Murino, and Eva Green.

Deck the Halls (PG for off-color language, and crude humor). Comedy features Matthew Broderick and Danny DeVito as next-door neighbors competing to outdo each other's outdoor Christmas light display. Cast includes Kristin Davis and Kristin Chenoweth as their spouses, respectively.

Déjò Vu (PG-13 for sensuality, disturbing images, and sequences of terror). Denzel Washington stars in this sci-fi adventure as an ATF Agent who travels back in time to prevent the detonation of a weapon of mass destruction on a New Orleans ferry boat only to end up falling in love with one of the people (Paula Patton) about to be murdered in the process. Cast includes Jim Caviezel, Val Kilmer, and Elle Fanning.

Erogon (PG for frightening images, intense battle sequences, and fantasy violence). Dungeons and Dragons-style sci-fi about a dragon-riding orphan (Edward Speelers) who enlists the assistance of an elderly talespinner (Jeremy Irons) to avenge the murder of his uncle on the orders of a menhalities monarch (John Malkovich). With Djimon Hounsou, Sieena Guillory and Rachel Weisz.

Fast Food Nation (R for profanity, drug use, disturbing images, and graphic sexuality). The junk food industry is satirized by director Richard Linklater in this fictionalized version of Eric Schlosser's best-selling expose of the same name. Cast features Greg Kinnear, Bruce Willis, Ethan Hawke, Kris Kristofferson, Patricia Arquette, Luiz Guzman, Wilmer Valderrama, and Bobby Cannavale.

For Your Consideration (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Parody, set in the forties, examines the fallout visited upon the cast and crew of an independent film influenced by pre-release Oscar buzz to make some last-minute changes to the script. Top-flight cast features Eugene Levy, Catherine O'Hara, Harry Shearer, Ed Begley, Jr., Christopher Guest, Parker Posey, Sandrah Oh, Bob Balaban, Fred Willard, Larry Miller, Ricky Gervais, and Claire Forlani.

The Fountoin (PG-13 for sensuality, profanity, and intense violence). Immortality explored as theme of this millennium-spanning, sci-fi fantasy which starts in 16th Century Spain and revolves around a Conquistador (Hugh Jackman) in search of the Fountain of Youth in order to save the love (Rachel Weisz) of his numerous lives.

A Gaad Yeor (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Ridley Scott (Gladiator) reunites with Russell Crowe for this dramedy about a disgraced British businessman who retires to a chateau in France to tend to the tiny vineyard he thinks he's inherited from his uncle (Albert Finney) only to have a young girl (Abbie ComIsh) arrive from California claiming to be the rightful heir.

Happy Feet (PG for peril and crude humor). Animated, Antarctic adventure about a tone deaf penguin (Elijah Wood) who finds himself a mate (Brittany Murphy) through tap dancing, instead of through singing like the rest of his species. With voicework by Robin Williams, Hugh Jackman, Hugo Weaving, Nicole Kidman, and Steve Irwin.

The History Boys (R for sex and expletives). Coming-of-age comedy, set in Sheffield in the Eighties, about the assorted adventures of a class of bright, but unruly, college-bound British schoolboys as they prepare for the admissions tests to Cambridge and Oxford.

The Haliday (PG-13 for sex and expletives). Christmas comedy about a California girl (Cameron Diaz) and a British bird (Kate Winslet) both in need of a break from a bad relationship who meet online and decide to swap lives for two weeks only to find true love with guys (Jude Law and Jack Black, respectively) they meet in their new locales. With Edward Burns, Rufus Sewell and Eli Wallach.

Hame of the Brove (R for profanity and violence). Samuel L. Jackson grudgingly costars with gangsta' rapper 50 Cent in this post-traumatic stress disorder drama chronicling the efforts of Iraq War veterans to readjust to civilian life after being traumatized by battle duty. Cast includes Jessica Biel, Victoria Rowell and Christina Ricci.

The Nativity Story (PG for violence). Biblical drama chronicles the trials and tribulations endured by the Virgin Mary (Keisha Castle-Hughes) and Joseph (Oscar Isaac) during their 100-mile trek from Nazareth to Bethlehem before the birth of the Christ child in a

The Pursuit of Hoppyness (PG-13 for profanity). Will Smith stars in this uplifting bio-pic based on actual events in the life of Christopher Gardner, a homeless single-father San Francisco who overcame the odds by becoming a successful stockbroker. Supporting cast includes Thandie Newton, Jaden Smith (Will's son) and Dan Castellaneta.

The Queen (PG-13 for brief profanity). Helen Mirren handles the title role in this biopic about the crisis which confronted the British royal family when Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and company were not inclined to mourn publicly in the wake of the death of Princess Diana. With Michael Sheen as Tony Blair, James Cromwell as Prince Philip, Sylvia Syms as the Queen Mum.

The Sonta Clouse 3: The Escape Clause (G). Tim Allen reprises his role as Scott Calvin, aka Saint Nick, now a newlywed with a pregnant wife (Elizabeth Mitchell). This adventure has Santa matching wits with his nemesis Jack Frost (Martin Short) who is trying to appropriate the Christmas holiday.

Stranger Thon Fiction (PG-13 for sex, expletives, nudity and disturbing Images). Will Ferrell stars in this surrealistic fantasy as an IRS agent who hears the voice of a novelist (Emma Thompson) in his head only to realize that she's not only controlling what happens in his life but also has plans to kill off his character. Cast includes Dustin Hoffman, Queen Latifah, Maggie Gyllenhaal and Kristin Chenoweth.

Unaccompanied Minors (PG for crude humor and coarse language). Holiday comedy about the misadventures of a motley crew of kids stranded by a snowstorm in a Chicago airport where they spend Christmas Eve without adult supervision except for the uptight passenger relations manager (Lewis Black) and his assistant (Wilmer Valderrama) who they promptly proceed to drive crazy.

Van Wilder 2: The Rise of Taj (R for nudity, profanity, and sexual content). This comedy features an expansion of co-star Kal Penn's supporting role as an enterprising East Indian college student now headed to Oxford to help the uptight Britons get the party started.

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PU Men's Hockey Breaks Through in OT, Rides 4-1-1 Streak Into Holiday Break

rant Goeckner-Zoeller registered his first three-point game of the season for the Princeton University men's Thockey team last Friday but that will be a minor footnote when he looks back on ₫the evening.

For senior forward Goeckner-Zoeller and Ehis teammates, the lasting memory of the Econtest against visiting Union will be of a breakthrough that was a long time coming. The Tigers topped Union 4-3 in overtime on ga Brandan Kushniruk goal, giving Princeton gits first OT win since a 2-1 extra time win gover Yale in November 2001. The Tigers ≨had gone 0-13-14 in their last 27 trips to

In reflecting on the sweet win, Goeckner-Zoeller acknowledged that his individual output took a back seat to the team's breakthrough.

"It all sort of fades away when we head into overtime," said Goeckner-Zoeller in reflecting on his three-point output. "It was a big relief to see Kush put that one in. It's a big relief for us. It sets a standard we know we can reach; this game should give us confidence going into future overtimes.'

The night nearly turned into another frustrating chapter for a Princeton team that started the season 1-6-1 with five onegoal losses in that stretch. With GoecknerZoeller scoring a goal and adding two assists, Princeton took a 3-1 lead into the

The Dutchmen, though, responded with two goals within a 35-second period early in the period to knot the contest at 3-3. The teams battled back-and-forth the rest of regulation with neither able to break through. In the extra session, the Tigers earned the win as Kushniruk blasted the puck home on a feed from Lee Jubinville.

Goeckner-Zoeller acknowledged that it was important for the Tigers to respond after nearly letting the game get away from

"We have had trouble with playing well and then letting it slip away a little," said Goeckner-Zoeller. "To be able to battle back from that and get a win in OT is great

The Tigers put together one of their sharpest stretches of the year when they outscored Union 2-0 in the second period, outshooting the Dutchmen 12-4 and converting on two-of-four power play oppor-

"We really did a good job of moving our feet: we wanted to get In there and bring the tempo up and draw a lot of penalties, said Goeckner-Zoeller, who helped the

Tigers keep moving in the right direction on Saturday night as Princeton topped Rensselaer 6-2 to improve to 5-7-1 overall and 4-5-1 in ECAC Hockey League play. "We were able to connect on those and that's the way we have to play.'

A key factor in the Tigers' win was the connection between Goeckner-Zoeller and sophomore linemate Brett Wilson.

"Brett seems to know where I want him to go and we've had some success, sald Goeckner-Zoeller, who now has 93 points in his

(Photo by Bill Allew NJ Sport Ction) against Union should lead to



OVERJDYED: Princeton University senior captain Darroll Powe, center, and sophemore forward Brandan Kushniruk, right, celebrate Kushniruk's goal last Friday which gave Princeton a 4-3 overtime win against visiting Union. It was the Tigers' first OT win since a 2-1 extra time win over Yale In November 2001. The Tigers had gone 0-13-14 in their last 27 trips to overtime.

(Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

more success down the road.

"These guys have worked hard and I'm not talking just about tonight but the last several years," said Gadowsky. "I think we're getting better and better. It's nice to see an overtime win; that should give us a little more confidence. The guys know the stats. We had played well in OT but we had lost or tied. Because of what has been going on the last several years, overtime wasn't something we looked forward to; hopefully that feeling will be gone.

The third-year head coach is also hoping that Goeckner-Zoeller, Wilson, and Kevin Westgarth will not have the feeling any more that the breaks are going against

"They have been a little snake-bitten all year," said Gadowsky, who got a goal from Wilson and an assist from Westgarth in the win over Union. "Everybody in this program knows it's just a matter of time before they get it going.

Gadowsky would like his team to bottle the feeling they had in the second period as they outskated Union. "It's funny how it goes; you move your feet, it sounds basic and simple," said Gadowsky, whose team outshot Rensselaer 46-14 on Saturday with Darroll Powe scoring two goals and line

mate Jubinville chipping in a goal and an

"The teams that outwork the other teams seem to get power plays. Whether you score or not, power plays give a team momentum. It's tough on the penalty killers; it's hard work. It's starts and stops and sprinting to the bench."

With his team having gone 4-1-1 in its last six games, Gadowsky believes his team is gaining momentum. "I don't know if it's turning the corner; we feel like we've been playing well all year," asserted Gadowsky, whose team won't be in action again until December 29 when it hosts Nebraska-

"We've been getting a lot of shots and doing well with things that we can control, f'm sure the guys feel that it was just a matter of time until we started winning.'

Goeckner-Zoeller, for his part, never lost faith in the team's prospects. "Even when we were losing there were games where we dominated certain periods," said Goeckner-Zoeller. "We have outshot a lot of teams this year; we just felt the pucks were going to start falling for us. We knew that we were playing well, now we're starting to get the wins.

-Bill Alden



FACE-TO-FACE: Princeton University senior forward Grant Princeton career, including Goeckner-Zoeller, center, takes a faceoff last Friday in Prince- 12 this season on four goals ton's 4-3 overtime win against Union, Goeckner-Zoeller con- and eight assists. "Hopefully tributed a goal and two assists in the victory. A night later, we can continue to have more Princeton topped Rensselaer 6-2 to Improve to 5-7-1 overall success." and 4-5-1 in ECAC Hockey League play. The Tigers are 4-1-1 Princeton head coach Guy in their last six outlings and will be on hollday break until they Gadowsky believes that his host Nebraska-Omaha on December 29 and Minnesota State on team's breakthrough win December 30.



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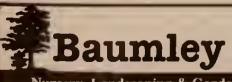




BUFFED UP: Princeton University senior guard Edwin Buffmire lofts a jumper in Princeton's 53-47 loss to visiting Rutgers last Saturday. Buffmire fired in a team-high 12 points in the loss, matching his career single-game best. (Photo by Bill Atlen/NJ SportAction)



ON THE HOOK: Princeton University freshman center Zach Finley fires a hook shot over Rutgers' Hamady N'Diaye last Saturday. Finley contributed tour points and five rebounds as Princeton tell 53-47 to their local rivals. The Tigers, now 6-3, host Marshall on Oecember 16. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



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PU Men's Hoops Falls to Sizzling Rutgers, **Needs More Discipline to Hit Full Potential**

mined to make the most of every minute he gets on the court this winter in his senior season on the Princeton University men's basketball team. Last Saturday, Buffmire matched his career-high, pouring in 12 points in 16 minutes but it wasn't enough as Princeton fell 53-47 to visiting Rutgers before a Jadwin Gym crowd of 4,415.

Buffmire and the Tigers were doomed by a sizzling display of shooting by Rutgers that saw the Scarlet Knights hit 14-of-16 first half shots for an eye-popping 87.5 percent shooting percentage as they never trailed in the contest.

Rutgers led 31-19 at the half and while Princeton gamely lought its way back into the game, the Tigers never got closer than four points, narrowing the gap to 51-47 with five seconds remaining.

In reflecting on the loss, Buffmire admitted that he was puzzled by the Tigers' recent habit of getting out of the gate slowly which has seen Princeton trail at the half in five of its last six

"It could be a number of things," said the 6'4, 210pound Buffmire, a guard who hails from Scottsdale, Ariz. 'I think we need to work on having the mentality of coming out and attacking a team from the get-go."

Buffmire has shown an attacking mentality in his time on the court in Princeton's last five games, averaging 4.5 points and 2.8 rebounds in 17 minutes of play off the bench during that stretch.

"I just go out there and do what I can do to help us win," said Buffmire. "Whether it is on the defensive end or on the post on offense or getting a rebound, I do whatever I can to help the

Princeton head coach Joe Scott is happy with the output he is getting from Buffmire. "Buff has been pretty consistent for us," said Scott, whose team dropped to 6-3 with the loss

'He's done what he does every game so far this year so if we can continue to get that from him that's what we are looking for. He scored in the low post today and I'd like to see a little more of that out of him."

Scott made no bones about his desire to see more out of his players from the opening tip. "I don't like the fact that we don't play well in first halves; I hate it," said a raspy Scott. "We obviously have to correct that; it's not a good sign."

In Scott's view, the solution to the slow starts is basic. "We have to be the most disciplined team in the country," asserted Scott, whose club will next be in action when it hosts Marshall on December 16.

"We have to be so disciplined in what we do; we have to make sure that we are constantly doing what we practiced. Being disciplined means doing what you're supposed to do when you're supposed to do it. It

Edwin Buffmire is deter- means doing everything in big thing in getting us where your power to reach your we need to be." full potential."

The demanding Scott, though, is confident his club

We've made so much improvement in what we do," added Scott.

We're getting better at it. I like our team; we can keep getting better. We have a good mix of experience and youth; dilferent guys who can do different things. There has to be a consistency; we're not consistent right now. Putting it all together night after night for 40 minutes, that's the challenge."

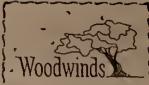
Princeton's most experienced player, senior forward Luke Owings, sees the progress. "I think we are definitely getting there," said Owings.

"We have a lot of guys playing a lot of minutes; nine or ten guys played over 15 minutes today. It's guys feeling out their roles. We're building a chemistry – a collective chemistry. It's not something that's built overnight. We can see what we are building toward."

Buffmire, for his part, thinks the Tigers are building something special. "I think everybody that watches us sees that we have the pieces and potential to be very good," said Buffmire. "It's a matter of going out and hitting that first shot or making the first shot after somebody misses. That's a

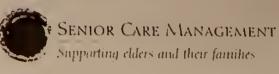
With Buffmire making the most of his shot when he's on the floor, Princeton figcan attain that level of dis- ures to keep heading in the right direction.

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Berry Finding the Range From Long Distance But PU Women's Hoops Needs More Intensity

Things went smoothly last her debut season with the Berry said that the team is Princeton University women's basketball program.

The 5'7 guard from Line Rock, Ark. started all 27 dishing for 147 as-₹ sists, the second best singleseason total in program his-≠ tory. Berry made the All-lvy 5 Rookie team as Princeton tied Brown and Dartmouth or the league crown.

This winter, however, Berry has hit some bumps in the road. Adjusting to s offense, which is modelled the NBA, Berry has seen her minutes cut, losing her starting job after five games.

Last Wednesday, though, Berry showed signs that she may be regaining her rhythm, coming off the bench to hit four three-pointers on the way to a season-high 14 points as Princeton cruised past NJIT 75-51. Three days later, she followed that up with 13 points but it wasn't enough as the Tigers fell 76-51 at nationally-ranked

In the wake of the NJIT win, Berry acknowledged it felt good to heat up from the outside.

"I was looking to get back into the flow of things," said Berry, who averaged 7.1 points a game last season. 'I got my shot going a little bit; I am just focused on playing with my teammates and doing everything I can to contribute to the team."

In assessing the Tigers' unwinter for Jessica Berry in even play so far this season, still getting used to its new offensive approach.

> "It's a bit of an adjustment; we're still looking to settle into it," said Berry. "I think as we play it more, we will tweak it to better fit us. We're looking to play a faster pace and we have to figure out how we can be most effective and productive at that faster pace."

Princeton head coach Richard Barron is happy to see Berry finding the range. "We took her off the point and let her play the '2' instead so she could relax a little," explained Barron, whose team fell to 3-6 with the defeat at Rutgers.

'She shot the ball well. She's been thinking a lot; this isn't a thinking person's game. It's a game of instincts and reaction; you can think yourself out of it. It's hard



HEATING UP: Princeton University sophomore guard Jessica Berry looks for an opening last Wednesday in Princeton's 75-51 win over visiting NJIT. Berry hit four three-pointers in the win as she produced a season-high 14 points. Last Saturday, Berry poured in 13 points but it wasn't enough as the Tigers fell 76-51 at nationally-ranked Rutgers to drop to 3-6 on the season. Through Princeton's first seven games, Berry had scored a total of 21 points. Princeton hosts St. Francis on December

to quiet those voices sometimes so we moved her off point guard to free her up; hopefully she'll respond and get her confidence back."

Barron is hoping his players will respond collectively to his message that they need to toughen up. "We're trying to get everybody to play with intensity," said Barron, who has been focusing on getting his team to cut down on turnovers.

'We don't want flashes. Everybody has shown the ability to do something but we want to see a character trait of intensity as what defines them. We aren't there right now; the sense of ur-gency isn't there that we need if we're going to be a cer. championship team."

Even after Princeton's onesided win over NJIT, Barron was far from pleased. "The scoreboard says we won by 25 but the mistakes we are making are the ones we are going to have to correct if we want to achieve our goal," asserted a frustrated Barron, whose club hosts St. Francis on December 16. "It's not a new set of problems; it's something we have been dealing with since preseason. Eventually, the rotation is going to get down to the players who can play with intensity all of the time.

Berry, for one, believes the Tigers can get those kinks worked out in the non-conference portion of its schedule. "We're focusing on improving everyday and getting our rotation settled; figuring out who's going to play and not play when we get into the Ivy League games," said Berry.

Every game we are looking to get into our offense and get into a flow so we'll know what we are doing and what we are going to be about this year.

—Bill Alden

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PU Sports Roundup

PU Alum Bradley Tabbed as Interim US Soccer Coach

Princeton University alum and former Tiger men's soccer coach, Bob Bradley, was named as the Interim Head Coach of the U.S. Men's National Team and Head Coach of the U.S. Under-23 Men's National Team last Friday.

Bradley, a 1980 Princeton club's inaugural season. alum, was the men's soccer head coach at Princeton from 1984-95 and is the winningest coach in the history of Major League Soc-

Bradley, 48, will begin his national team duties immediately. The team's 2007 schedule includes an initial training camp in January and appearances this summer in both the CONCACAF Gold Cup and the CONME-BOL Copa America. As head coach of the U.S. Under-23 Men's National Team, Bradley will be responsible for preparing that U.S. team for Olympic Qualifying for the 2008 Beijing games.

In 12 seasons at Princeton, Bradley led the Tigers to 92 wins, two Ivy League titles and three NCAA tournament appearances, including the program's only NCAA final four appearance in 1993. The brother of Scott Bradley, the current PU baseball head coach, he also played soccer for the Tigers as an undergraduate, leading the Tigers in scoring in 1979 and helping Princeton to the NCAA second round that year.

Bradley, a New Jersey native, left Princeton after the 1995 season to become an assistant coach for MLS's D.C. United. He first became an MLS head coach with the Chicago Fire in 1998 and

later was the head coach for the NY/NJ Metrostars in 2004 and 2005.

With 124 career victories, Bradley is the winningest coach in the history of MLS, winning one MLS Cup and two U.S. Open Cup titles with the Fire, including both titles in 1998 during the

Bradley spent 2006 as head coach of Chivas USA, where he was honored as the league's Coach of the Year for the second time in his career. During his one season at Chivas USA, Bradley turned around a team with the worst record in the league in 2005, leading them into the playoffs as the third-place finisher in the Western Conference.

Tiger Men's Squash 3rd in Five-Man Event

Led by a strong effort from No. 2 player Kimlee Wong, the Princeton University men's squash "A' team upset a Philadelphia professional team to place third in the national 5-man championships in New Haven, Conn.

Wong went undefeated over the weekend, picking up Princeton's only win in its loss to a Connecticut professional team that ended up winning the title.

The Tigers will be out of action until January 31 when they host Penn.

PU Men's Swimming Sunk by Navy

Sophomore star Robert Griest had a big day but it wasn't enough as the Princeton University men's swimming team fell 165-135 to Navy last Sunday.

Griest won the 800 freestyle and the 400 free, giving him Princeton's only double of the meet in individual races. Other standouts for the Tigers included Meir Hasbani, the winner of the 200 butterfly, and Mike Cater, who won the 100

Princeton's next meet will be January 6 when it hosts James Madison.

Tiger Women's Hockey

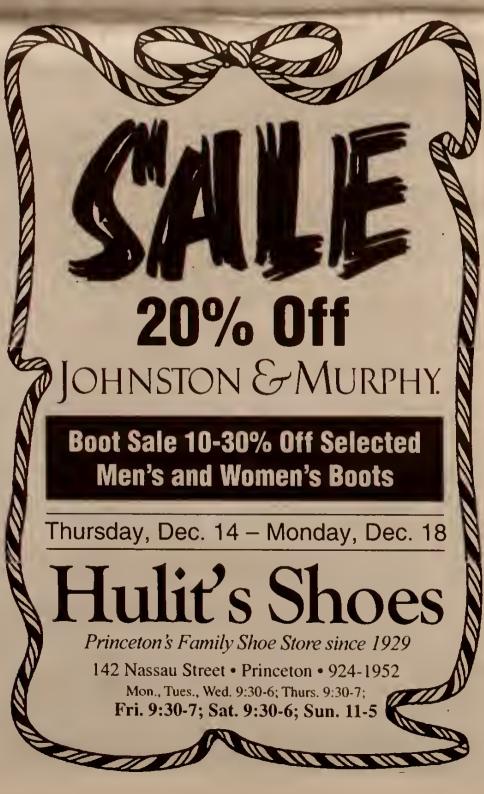
Splits at Wayne State A shorthanded goal by

Marykate Oakley proved to be the difference as the Princeton University women's ice hockey team pulled out a 1-0 win at Wayne State last Saturday.

Junior goalie Kristen Young registered 26 saves in earning the shutout as Princeton snapped a fivegame losing skid. On Friday, the Tigers had dropped a 4-2 decision to Wayne State with Kim Pearce and Annie Greenwood notching the Tiger goals.

The Tigers, now 9-5-2 overall, will next be in action when they host a twogame set with Ohio State on December 29 and 30.





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Aiming to Build on Last Year's Solid Finish, PHS Boys' Hoops Primed to Turn Corner

Dave Kosa thought his been standout junior guard

The PHS head coach was disappointed as his team dropped nine of its first 11 games.

But with five of those losses coming by three points or iess, Kosa had confidence that the wins would start coming.

His faith was rewarded as the Little Tigers went 6-5 down the stretch, toppling such formidable teams as Lawrence and Notre Dame.

As PHS tips off its 2006-07 campaign with a home game against Hamilton on December 15, Kosa bélieves his team can build on its strong finish.

"I can sense a confidence in the guys and a feeling that we are turning the corner," said Kosa, whose team edged rival WW/P-S in its season finale last winter to end at 8-14. "This is a building process and the guys need to work hard every night."

One of PHS' hardest workers the last few seasons has

Princeton High boys' basket- Joe Rogers, the team's top ball team had the potential returning scorer. "We obplayed a lot of minutes for leading scorer for PHS' secus last year."

> Rogers logged some key minutes this summer as he season. Ross really came performed well for the PHS entry in the Princeton Recreation Department's summer men's basketbali league, gettop newcomer.

"He did a great job against the adults last summer," said Kosa. "He didn't back down from anything. He brought the ball up against stronger, good job getting our offense started.'

Rogers will have a new running mate in the backcourt this season in sophomore guard Brian Dunlap, who helped lead the PHS freshman team to a superb 17-5 season last winter.

"Brian is a very good point guard," added Kosa. "He started in both of our scrimmages. Having Joe and Brian together in the backcourt at the same time is real good for us. it allows Joe to play shooting guard."

Ross MacDonald, who is tional championship squad.

'Towards the end of last dence building," said Kosa. 'He is coming off a great ting named as the league's ally confident. He can really court," said Kosa. "When we shoot the three. He's very have a great connection on the court."

Down in the paint, PHS quicker guards and he did a has another tough athlete in 6°7 sophomore A.J. Dowers. "He's had a really nice preseason," said Kosa of Dowers. "He scored 23 points and 17 in our first two scrimmages. He is just learning the footwork and finding his way. Last year, he could just overpower steps and positioning. He's doing an exceilent job."

PHS boasts some solid complementary players in junior forwards Matt Young and Marco Simonelli and junior guards John Miranda and Mike Douglas.

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'Matt is doing the dirty work for us," said Kosa. "He is crashing the boards and setting screens. Marco lived in Princeton and moved to Another sharp shooter Pittsburgh. He's back now; for PHS figures to be senior he got some good experience in Pittsburgh playing to do some big things last viously will rely on his ex- coming off a superb soccer the '2' and '3' positions. I perience," said Kosa. "He season in which he was the put in John Miranda and Mike Douglas to pick up the intensity and put pressure on other teams."

In view of his team's varion; you could see his confi- ety of weapons, PHS plans to play an aggressive style. "With Ross, Joe, and Brian, soccer season and he's re- we will push the ball up the have to go to haif-court, we athletic, he can get up and will do some inside out stuff dunk the ball. He and Joe with A.J. i'm very pleased with how the offense is developing. Defensively, we'll play a hard-nosed man-to-

Kosa is also pleased with the attitude his team has displayed as they get ready for the season. "We not only have good players but they enjoy playing with each other on the court," asserted Kosa, whose coaching staff includes 5-year veteran aspeople. He has to learn drop sistant Dale Florio and former PHS standouts Shahid Karim and Jason Carter. "In the past we relied on athletes. These guys know basketball and they are really into the game. It's been a pleasure to coach them."

-Bill Alden



TO THE HOLE: Princeton High boys' basketbali senior torward Ross MacDonald goes in tor a hoop in action last season. The Littie Tigers wili be depending on consistent offensive production from MacDonaid as they look to improve on the 8-14 record they posted last season.

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STEPPING UP: Princeton High junior guard Joe Rogers races past a detender in a game last winter. Rogers, PHS' leading returning scorer, figures to be a key weapon this season tor PHS, which tips ott its season with a home game against Hamilton on Oecember 15. (Photo by Bill Allen/N.) SportAction,

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Fortified by Strength in Numbers, PHS Girls' Hockey Aims for Big Season

High girls' ice hockey team produced a sizzling start, getting out the gate with a

4-0 mark.

But the Little Tigers ran out of gas as the season headed into the dog days of January and February, end-January and February, end-Zing up with a final record of

As PHS starts its 2006-07 campaign this week, the squad has the strength in numbers to wear down its

Little Tiger head coach Matt Becan acknowledges that he has plenty of talent at his disposal. "It's really D exciting to see so many girls of weapons will present a out; we've gotten a little more each year but this is by far the most we've added

"I think that the girls on the team have had a lot of

Last winter, the Princeton foes as it has 40 girls in has attracted new players. We definitely have the depth and numbers that should help us as the season goes

> coaching test for Becan. "The big challenge is developing chemistry," said in terms of numbers," said Becan, whose team was in sync in its opener as it breezed past Summit 10-2 last Monday. "Over half the fun over the years and that team is new players; it takes

Deploying his stockpile

adjust to playing with each

ease that process is the addition of freshman goaltender our games are going to be Chelsea Corell. "Chelsea is tight," asserted Becan, who fantastic; she's been playing against boys for years," said Becan of his freshman net minder who recorded saves last week in helping the PHS boys' team tie Hopewell Val-

"She is very sound fundamentally. We will center the team around her ability to keep us in games. She has a lot of confidence; we're looking for her to take a leadership role even though she is just a freshman. She has so much experience."

PHS has plenty of experience up front returning such veterans as seniors Katle Burke and Dee Dee Mahon together with juniors Suzanne Hudis, Blair Thompson, Carly Ray, and Christine Schulte.

In Becan's view, Mahon should emerge as one of PHS' most dangerous players up front. "Dee Dee looks great; she has a lot of speed," added Becan. "She is very confident coming into her senior year; we look for her to be a go-to player."

Another pivotal player will be the versatile Thompson, who also plays with the PHS boys' team. "Blair is an outstanding talent," said Becan. "She will also play some defense for us. She has size and is physical.'

Co-captain Burke will give the Little Tigers plenty of leadership. 'Katie is one of our captains," said Becan, noting that Mahon and Schulte are the team's other captains.

We expect our captains to be role models on and off the ice. When the older girls have a work ethic and commitment, It carries down to the younger players."

Younger sisters will play a key role in the PHS defense as freshmen Fiona Mahon, Olivia Ray, and Haley Thompson figure to see shifts on the blue line along with Gabby Vukasin.

"Flona is a firecracker; she has speed and skating ability," added Becan. "Haley is new to the team but has been playing hockey for a number of years. Gabby

club team.

PHS will need its young One factor that should defenders to come of age quickly. "Just about all of our games are going to be got three goals and three assists from Haley Thompson in the win over Summit together with a goal and three assists from Blair Thompson. "We need to play sound defense and wear teams down and create chances as games go on."

> With 40 players buzzing around the ice at PHS' twice-

time to learn systems and to played on the Tiger Lilies weekly S:30 a.m. practice sessions, Becan likes what

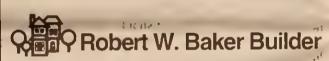
The girls all work hard," said Becan, whose team plays at perennial power Morristown-Beard on December 13, at Upland Country Day on December 16, and then at Summit on December 17.

"There will be challenges along the way; getting everybody used to each other and the system. The girls understand what we need, to focus on."

-Bilt Alden



DDUBLE D: Princeton High senior torward Dee Dee Mahon races up the ice in action last winter. PHS will be relying on cocaptain Mahon to provide leadership and offensive production this winter. Last Monday, Mahon tallied a goal as PHS opened the season with a 10-2 win over Summit. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)



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STICKING WITH IT: Princeton High junior torward Suzanne Hudis, left, battles for the puck in a

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Sees 4-4 Stalemate as Sign of Progress

A.J. Blackburn and his into the game." teammates on the Hun School boys' hockey team weren't on the same page in their season opener.

Unable to make any consistent connections on offense, Hun fell 5-1 to Pingry, getting outshot 37-9 in the contest.

that game," said senior forward Blackburn. "We didn't trust each other."

Hosting Princeton Day School last Thursday, Hun appeared to be in for another long afternoon, having not beat the powerful Panthers in a decade.

But showing heart and playing as a unit, Hun made a quantum leap from its opening day effort. The Raiders battled PDS to a 0-O tie after one period and then took a 1-0 lead in the second period as Stephen Norman found the back of the net for Hun.

PDS answered back with a score by John Inman and the game was knotted at 1-1 as the third period started. PDS grabbed a 2-1 lead and it looked like Hun was about to experience an unfortunate case of déjà vu. Instead, the Raiders exploded with goals by Blackburn, Brendan Gallagher, and Austin Sylvester to take a 4-2 lead.

But a desperate PDS lought back to score twice in the last minute to earn a 4-4 tie that left both teams frustrated.

"We quickly came back and started trusting each other," said Blackburn, reflecting on the tie. 'I think we've lost at least 10 years in a row to them so this is a step up but we were still looking for a win. Hopefully we can get revenge in the states; we look at this as a

Still, Blackburn was proud of how Hun fought back after it fell behind early in the third period. "I almost knew our hearts would bring us back," said Blackburn. "The puck bounced our way, we ended up leading 4-2. We got cocky and let them back

In Blackburn's view, the tie was something to build on. "We've been working on that everyday, playing the system and trusting your teammates," added Blackburn. "I think today was our best show of that.'

Hun head coach Francois "We were a little selfish in Bourbeau liked the character his team showed in the tie with PDS. "My guys really came prepared for that game; they came out with a lot of heart," said Bourbeau, whose team displayed some heart two days later as they used a three-goal third period to beat visiting Landon and improve to 1-1-1 on the

"it breaks our heart to have a tie on two goals in the last minute but PDS was ranked No. 2 in the state and to come out with a tle, I'm happy with that. I'm really happy with the way the guys played today."

Bourbeau lauded the effort he got from sophomore goalie Travis Potts, who had 54 saves in the PDS game. "Travis is a big reason why we came out with a tie," asserted Bourbeau. 'He makes big saves and he did a great job. He did what he is supposed to do. The goals weren't his fault; he was screened and they were nice goals. I only have good things to say about him."

In Bourbeau's view, the tie against PDS could have a long range impact. "I think that should be a turnaround point for this season," said Bourbeau, whose team plays at Academy of New Church on December 14, "I think it should open their eyes that we can compete if we play as a team and trust each other and play the coach's

Blackburn, for his part, believes that Hun's performance last Thursday portends big things to come. "I think this tie will boost us to an over .500 record this year," said Blackburn. "We proved to ourselves that we can be one of the best teams

-Bill Alden

SAVING GRACE: Hun School sophomore goalie Travis Potts shows his form last Thursday in Hun's 4-4 tie with crosstown rival Princeton Day School. Potts recorded 54 saves as Hun nearly broke a 10-year losing streak to PDS.

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STRATEGIC THINKING: New Princeton Day School boys' ice hockey head coach Scott Bertoll Instructs his players last Thursday during PDS' 4-4 tie with Hun. Bertoll, a star player for the Princeton University men's hockey team in the 1990s and a current standout for the Trenton Titans of the East Coast Hockey League (ECHL), has the Panthers off to a 3-0-1 start. PDS heads to New England this weekend to compete in the (Ptioto by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction) Barber Tournament.

As PDS Boys' Ice Hockey Starts 3-0-1 As a star player for the ups and downs that come a coach is to put the right Princeton University men's with coaching. The Panthers guys out there that can hockey team in the 1990s cruised to a 10-0 win over

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New Coach Bertoli Learning on the Job

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PDS took a 2-1 lead early in the third period only to This winter, Bertoli is de- see the Raiders roar back veloping his skills in another with three straight goals. A desperate PDS team fought back with two late goals to escape with a tie that left Panthers players kicking the boards as they trudged to their locker room.

> Bertoli relished the challenge that came with engineering the rally. "My job as

make the play and have the ability to score goals," said Rertoli.

'Thankfully we had the right guys and they scored the goals. I'd sooner coach a game that is light, one or two goals than a seven-eight goal blowout. For me that gets your heart racing and your adrenaline going. You that was fun.

But at the same time, Bertoli wasn't happy with how his team dug a hole for itself. "What's frustrating is that the guys don't always play with that sense of urgency," said Bertoli, whose team showed some urgency last Saturday as they blanked Landon 4-0 to improve to 3-0-1 on the season.

"I think the guys think

they are a little better than we are; we take things for granted. We let teams hang around a little longer than they should. Hun played with a lot more heart, a lot more emotion than we did. At the end of the day, that's more important than X's and O's or personnel. It's what inside that counts."

'Mike Darrar and John Inman have been our most consistent players," said Bertoli, whose team heads to New England this weekend to compete in the Barber Tournament. "Brett Dehave to make decisions and Pace is our MVP, no doubt about it. He logs 30 minutes a game and gives us great defense and so much overall. We need the younger guys to step up and take a little pressure off.'

"It's easy for me to draw up a play and see that it's going to happen," added Bertoli. "For me, it's learning how to motivate the guys and learning how to get the team ready.

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TWO-MINUTE WARNING: Princeton Day School senior forward Derek Mayer races up the ice in the third period as PDS rallied to tle Hun 4-4. Mayer contributed three assists on an afternoon which saw PDS score twice in the last two minutes of the contest to pull out the tie and avoid Its first loss to Hun in a decade.

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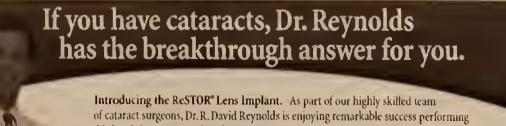




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ON THE NDP: Princeton Day School junior guard Antoine Noppenot races past a Morrisville defender last Saturday as he helped spark PDS to a 47-46 win. Noppenot poured in a gamehigh 21 points as PDS improved to 1-1 on the season and gave new head coach Matt Levinson his first career victory.





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With Levinson Taking Over as Head Coach, PDS Boys' Hoops Aims to Seize Opportunity

be a major theme this winter <code>shots."</code> lor the Princeton Day School boys' basketball team.

With head coach Kyle Zosulis having departed, Matt Levinson returns to the program and gets his shot to run the show.

In the wake of the graduation of last year's top scorer Drew Godwin and the transfer of No. 2 scorer Jordan Mickens, several PDS players will get their chance to show what they can do.

Levinson, lor his part, is primed to make the most out of his opportunity to guide the Panthers. "I was with the program in the 1990s, it's nice to be back," said Levinson, who was an assistant coach with PDS when the program won a state title in the 1990s and guided the PDS girls' soccer team to two state crowns as a head coach.

"I've taught at the schooifor the last 14 years, I have taught most of the players. I know the kids real well. I see this as an extension of the classroom."

Coming off a disappointing 7-17 season last year, the young Panther team will need to pick up the learning curve. PDS has already shown signs of progress topping Morrisville 47-46 last Saturday to rebound from a 58-49 opening day loss at Pennington.

In the win over Morrisville, junior guard Antoine Hoppenot led the way scoring 21 points with freshman guard Kenny Holzhammer chipping in 12 and Zach Shechtel scoring seven.

In Levinson's view, one of his ablest pupiis shouid be 6'3 senior forward Shechtel. "We're hoping Zach Shechtel will give us double figures every night," said Levinson, who is the program's third new head coach in the last four years.

"He will need to step up. He's attacking the basket, He's ripping it through and taking it to the rim rather

Seizing opportunity will than settling for the six-loot

Shechtel and 6'3 junior lorward C.J. Martino have the potential to develop into a lormidable tandem in the paint. "C.J. Martino should help us down low," added Levinson, who will also be giving junior Andrew Ojeda and Ireshman Jon Scott minutes at lorward. "We're looking for both of them to crash the boards.

In the backcourt, Levinson is looking for S'8 senior Andrew Dowdie to lead the way. "Dowdie will play the wing," said Levinson. "We will need him to hit shots."

Levinson has other weapons at guard in 5'8 Ireshman point guard Dylan Kelly, 5'10 freshman shooting guard Hoizhammer, and the athletic 5'8 Hoppenot, an All-Prep B soccer player this past lali.

'Dylan Kelly has incredible speed and he brings a learlessness," asserted Levinson. "He can rush the baii up the court. Hoppenot also has great speed, he has shown that in soccer. I think we will play ail three guards at times. Kenny Holzhammer is a good shooter; he can hit the threes.

Levinson is adopting a playing style which he beiieves can help his players maximize their opportunities, "We're going to play man-to-man defense, we're working on rotation and helping out," said Levinson, whose team plays at Ranney School on December 14 and at Moorestown High on December 16.

'On offense we'll be patient and work the ball into the post, Zach and C.J. can kick it out to the wings if they need to. We want to use our speed; we have pretty good balance."

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NEW LDDK: New Princeton Day School boys' basketball head coach Matt Levinson surveys the action last Saturday during PDS' 47-46 win over visiting Morrisville. Levinson will look to keep his charges on the winning track as they play at Ranney School on December 14 and at Moorestown Nigh on December







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TITLE TIME: Hun School boys' basketball star Lance Goulbourne, center, heads to the hoop in action last season. On Sunday, Goulbourne scored 15 points to help Hun beat Lawrenceville 59-43 in the championship game of the Peddie School tnyltational Tournament. Hun improved to 5-1 with the victory. Goulbourne was named as an All-Tournament selection with teammate Idrls Hilllard being chosen as the tourney's Most Valuable Player. Hun plays at Rutgers Prep on December 16 before playing American in the Tip-Off Classic on December

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Hun

Basketbatt: Paced by a balanced attack, Hun cruised past visiting Penn Charter 58-34 last Saturday. Emily Gratch scored 12 points to lead the Raiders with Ali Tartacoff and Kelly Grace adding 11 apiece as Hun improved to 4-0. The Raiders will play in the Blair Academy Tournament on December 15-16.

PDS

Girts' Basketbatt: Freshman point guard Raquel Phillips came up big as PDS cruised past Purnell 44-13 last Monday. Phillips poured in 15 points with junior star Hannah Epstein adding 13. In upcoming action, the Panthers, now 2-2, play at Blair on December 13.

Girts' tce Hockey: Sophomore goalie Bryanna Mayes notched her first career shutout as PDS blanked Lansdale Catholic 6-0 last Monday. Mayes recorded 16 saves in helping the Panthers improve to 2-1 on the season. Dana Lerner scored two goals with Savannah Hecker, Noni Ammidon, Georgia Travers, and Emily Cook adding one apiece. PDS hosts Pingry on December 13 before heading to New England for the Canterbury Tournament Irom December 15-16.

PHS

Boys' tce Hockey: John Ryan and Jonathan Yi each scored goals but it wasn't enough as PHS fell 7-2 to Steinert last Monday. The loss dropped the Little Ti-

gers to 0-2-1 on the season. In upcoming action, PHS plays Pingry on December 13 at Bridgewater and Lawrence on December 18 at Mercer County Park.

Boys' Swimming: Mike Stehn and Joe Carroll came up big to help PHS to a 101-67 win over Steinert last Thursday in the season opening meet for both teams. Stehn won the 50vard freestyle and helped PHS to victories in the 200 free relay and the 400 free relay while Carroll won the 100 free and also did a leg on the winning 200 free relay. The Little Tigers have a meet at WW/P-S on December 19.

Girls' Swimming: Kathleen Morrison and Paige Johnson performed well as PHS topped Steinert 105-65 last Thursday in the season opening meet for both teams. Morrison won the 200 individual medley and helped the Little Tigers to wins in the 200 medley relay and 200 free relay while Johnson won the 100 butterfly and was part of the winning 200 medley relay. The Little Tigers have a meet at WW/P²S on December 19.

Lawrenceville

Boys' Basketbatt: Porter Braswell had another strong game but it wasn't enough as Lawrenceville fell 59-43 to Hun last Sunday in the title game of the Peddie School Invitational Tournament. Braswell scored 18 points as the Big Red fell to 5-1 on the season. In upcoming action, the Lawrenceville competes in the Boys Club of New York Tournament from December 14-16.

Girts' tce Hockey: Ashley Dunbar and Alyse Ruff led the way as Lawrenceville skated to a 3-3 tie with the Washington Pride last Sunday. Dunbar scored twice with Ruff adding one as the Big Red moved to 1-0-2 on the season. Lawrenceville plays in the Taft Tournament from December 13-15.

Stuart

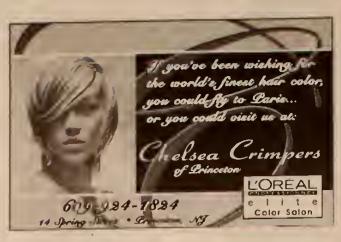
Basketball: Caitlin Spratt and Diamond Lewis had strong games but it wasn't enough as Stuart fell 58-33 to Rutgers Prep in its season opener. Senior star Spratt scored 15 points while freshman point guard Lewis chipped in 13. In upcoming action, the Tartans play in the Stone Ridge Tournament on December 16 and at Sacred Heart on December 17.



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QUESTION: How do you deal with frustration? When things don't go my way, I really get bent out of shape.

ANSWER: Frustration occurs when your expectations and reality fail to agree. Let us discuss two situations.

First, imagine a situation over which you have no control. If you expect your drive home to take 30 minutes, and it really takes 90 minutes, you get trustrated." The Rev. Peter K. Stimpson What can you do? You can fume

about the "idiot" whose reckless driving inconveniently tied up traffic with an accident, yelling to yourself that "life sucks", and inching your car from lane to lane in a vain attempt to "speed things up". However, the end result is that your blood pressure soars, and your unsuspecting spouse is in for a nightmare of an evening.

Instead, you can calm down, accept the reality that life has its share of bumps, turn your radio to a favorite station, and try to enjoy some unplanned "down" time. When you arrive home, you are not exactly "a happy camper", but you will not be allowing something over which you had no control to destroy your evening over which you do.

Next, imagine a situation where you have much more say in what occurs. On another evening, you arrive home, hoping to take a warm shower, have a cold beer, and relax watching TV. However, your wife has had an equally rough day with the children, and wants you to not only show her understanding & empathy, but also to give her a much-needed break — immediately! Your reaction? You could blow your stack, berating her for being "an insensitive clod" in not giving you a second to catch your breath. Or, you could "cave" and do what she expects, all the while muttering sarcastic, backbiting comments meant to not-so-subtly teach her a lesson for not living up to your expectations.

Instead, you and she could sit down and think out a solution to this common problem. Oh, yes, that would probably be after "blowing it" and learning from your mistakes, but my point is that this learning would involve having the expectations of you and your spouse match the reality that you are facing. Both needs are realistic, but cannot be accomplished simultaneously. Taking control of the situation means neither blaming your spouse, nor condemning yourself to a world of frustration, but rather facing the normal limitations of life, listening to one another, and compromising.

In both situations, frustration can actually awaken you to a need for creativity and change. In the above examples, instead of suffering from angina and a divorce, you can learn to not only manage stress, but also actually turn a potential negative into a very real

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Local **Sports**

Dillon Youth Basketball December 9 Results

In action last Saturday in the 4th/5th grade boys' division of the Dillon Youth Basketball league, Stefan Mirfakhari scored seven points and Will Wright added six as the Trailblazers topped the Suns 28-16. In other games in the division, Harrison Dunne-Polite scored six points to lead the Sonics to a 14-6 win over the Mavericks. Matthew Corrado scored eight points and Alex Deutsh added six as the Lakers topped the Jazz 22-17. Matt Vasseur scored 10 points, while Paul Murray and Zach Tesone added seven apiece in the Kings' 32-7 win over the Rockets. Chris Glazer and Austin Taylor scored six points apiece as the Clippers topped the Spurs, 21-10.

The boys' 6th/7th grade division saw Scott Bechler score eight points to lead Seton Hall to a 24-22 win over Pittsburgh. Michael Farrell. Eric Vogt and Hayden Dwyer had four points apiece in the win. Matt Burns had seven points and Peter Schulman added six for Pittsburgh. In other games in the division, Mike Manley scored 14 points while Clay Alter and Lior Levy added six as Georgetown topped Villanova 31-16. Oren Karsen scored 11 points and Elliott Golden added eight as St. John's topped Rutgers, 34-16. Kevin White had eight points for Rutgers. Ben Harrison led a balanced offense with seven points as Notre Dame topped Syracuse 47-14. Ethan Dunbar, Alex Costin, Justice Healy, Ryan Meier and Asal Davidov added six points apiece in the win. Brendan Yi had eight points in the loss. Tim Vasseur scored 14 points to lead Connecticut to a 26-24 win over West Virginia. Matt Hoffman had 10 points in the loss.

In the boys' 8th/9th grade division, Jake Golden scored 13 points as Princeton Pettoranello Fund topped lano's Rosticceria 28-26. Max Reid scored 11 points in the loss. In other action in the division, Allen Bryant scored 11

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topped Woodwinds 26-23. Princeton Orthopedics topped Princeton Amoco 38-29, as Skye Ettin led the way with 17 points. Trevor Barsamian scored 13 points a losing cause.

In games in the 4th/5th grade girls' division, Katie Kantor and Jessica Rothstein scored four points apiece as Larini's Sunoco topped Princeton Shopping Center 14-12 in overtime. Ellie Maltby and Julia Depp led PSC with four points apiece. Elizabeth Jacobs and Leah Moran scored 12 points apiece as Princeton Youth Sports topped Princeton Dental Group 26-6. Gabrielle Bloom had four points in the loss.

The 6th-9th grade girls' division saw Madison Provorny score six points and Arielle Thomas add four as Franklin & Alison Orchestra topped Mack-Cali Realty 14-10. Katelyn Bechler had six points in the loss. Susan Farrell scored 10 points and Gaia Tuck-Adams added nine as American Sew/Vacuum topped G.R. Murray In-

the loss.

Princeton Travel Basketball Recent Results

The Princeton Recreation Department's Under-12 boys' travel basketball team got edged 40-38 by Lawrence last weekend in a hard-fought contest in Central Jersey League action. Elliot Golden paced Princeton with 11 points in a losing cause while Marshall Borden added nine. Princeton nailed seven three-pointers as it fell to 0-2.

Princeton's U-11 boys' squad dropped a 42-6 decision to Ewing in the Central Jersey League last Sunday. Alex Deutsch scored six points for Princeton which dropped to 1-1.

The Princeton U-14 girls' team nipped Branchburg 39-37 in Flemington League action on Sunday. Janie Smukler led Princeton with 18 points and two steals while Laurel Kasel chipped in with six points and two steals. Jessie Frieder led Princeton with seven rebounds with

points and John Curtis add- surance 25-12. Madison Ca- Brooke Bevans contributed eight as Caliper Farms hill-Sanidas had 10 points in Ing two points, two blocked shots and five rebounds. Princeton is now 1-1.

Princeton's U-12 girls' team dropped its opening game in the Central Jersev League, falling 29-4 to West Windsor. Arielle Thomas and Summer Ramsey-Burrough scored two points apiece for Princeton.

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Obituaries



Patricia N. Cherry

Patricia Nichols Cherry, 81, of Skillman, formerly of Princeton, died November 30 at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia, from complications following cardiac surgery.

Born and raised in Rahway, she graduated from Rahway High School and then in 1946 from Harvard University (Radcliffe College), cum loude with a bachelor of science in mathematics.

She arrived in Princeton in 1946 to work for the Princeton Survey of State and Local Government, a Princeton University program studying state tax policy. In 1965 she began a career at the Institute for Defense Analyses (IDA) as a computer analyst, retiring in 1993 after 28 years of service.

She dedicated her life to women's equality and rights. She was a member of the Girl Scouts for 58 years, ten years as a girl and 48 as an adult, joining the Princeton Girl Scout Council at the administrative level when her oldest daughter became a Brownie. From 1961 to 1963 she was president of the Princeton Girl Scout Council, then president of the newly merged Mercer Girl Scout Council from 1969 to 1971. When the Mercer Girl Scout Council later merged into the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scout Council she became its president from 1978 to 1981. She was a Council board member for over 40 years. She also worked at the national level on a variety of efforts with the Girl Scouts of the USA.

As the Girl Scouts representative to the United Way, she was elected to the board of Princeton United Way in 1964, and continued through its merger with the Trenton United Way in 1994 it became the United Way of may be made to Crisis Minis-Greater Mercer County. She served on the board for 41 years, until 2005.

In 1995 she was elected as a member of the Princeton Borough and Township Consolidation Commission, serving until November 1996 as co-chair of the Form of Government Committee. The Commission's recommendations for consolidation were voted on twice by the Borough and Township, losing both times by small margins.

From 1986 to 1988 she was president of the New Jersey Women's Political Caucus, a group focused on getting women elected to office. She chaired the Political Planning Committee from

1988 to 1991 and served was educated in Stamford, of Princeton students to the as treasurer from 1991 to 1994. From 1984 to 1986 she chaired the WPC-NJ PAC. Previously she had been an elected delegate to the National Women's Conference in Houston in 1977, chair of the Republican Task Force on Women from 1981 to 1983; and chair of the Mercer County Woman's Political Caucus from 1983 to 1985. She was also a leader in reproductive health and most recently represented the WPC on the board of NARAL Pro-Choice-New

She was a member of the Princeton Joint Zoning Board from 1997 to 2000, and a member of the Princeton Regional Environmental Commission in 2001 and 2002, before planning to move to a retirement community in Skillman. She became a member of the Montgomery Township Environmental Commission in 2005 as an alternate and in January of this year was appointed as a full member for a three-year

She was also a charter member of the board for D&R Canal Watch, formed in 1998, and served as a trustee of the Trenton Psychiatric Hospital from 1984

Active also in the Princeton chapter of the Harvard Alumni Association, she had just attended her 60th reunion this past June.

Over the years she reeived numerous awards from many organizations. Among those she valued most was The Gerard B. Lambert Community Service Award in 1981, awarded by the United Way-Princeton Area Communities.

With her husband, she was a founding member of All Saints' Episcopal Church in Princeton, where she was elected several times as a representative of the parish at the Convention of the Dioceses of New Jersey, most recently in 2006. Together, they were also members of Community without Walls and the local chapter of AARP. They moved to Stonebridge in Montgomery Township in January 2005.

She was predeceased by her husband of 58 years, Dr. William H. Cherry, a former Princeton Township Committeeman, in 2005. She is survived by two daughters, Kathleen Cherry of Princeton and Diana Cherry of Springfield III; a son, Martin of St. Johnsbury, Vt.; a sister, Susan Bost of Wooster, Ohio; and five grandchildren.

Memorial contributions try of Princeton and Trenton, 61 Nassau Street, Princeton 08542; or to the Delaware-Raritan Girl Scouts, 108 Church Lane, East Brunswick 08816.

A memorial service will be held at All Saints' Chapel, 16 All Saints' Road, on Saturday, December 30 at

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Robert D. Cowan

Robert D. Cowan, 75, of Lawrence Township, died December 10 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

Born in Dedham, Mass, he

Princeton High School. A 56-year resident of Princeton, he was also a summer resident of West Hyannisport, Mass.

He retired in 1994 after 25 years of service as a lab technician with Princeton Gamma-Tech.

He was a ham radio operator and a member of ARRL. He also had a private pilot license for more than 50

He was a member of the YMCA in Cape Cod and the Barnstable Senior Citizens Association. In Princeton, he was a member of Trinity Church; in Massachusetts, of St. Peter's Church in Osterville and St. Andrew's by the Sea in Hyannisport.

He is survived by his wife, Doris Fasanella Cowan; two daughters, Donna Crafford of Princeton and Robin Leahy of Richmond, Va.; two brothers, Eben Cowan of Greenville, S.C. and Edward Cowan of Alburtis, Pa.; a sister, Helen Aubrey of Boca Raton, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

The funeral service will be today, December 13 at 1 p.m. at Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street. Burial will be private and at the convenience of the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ladies Auxiliary of the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 242, Princeton 08542.

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Ronald Kinchla

Ronald Arthur Kinchla, 72, of Princeton, died December 8 at home. He had just returned from an extended visit with his sons and grandsons in California.

Born in Waltham, Mass. to Alice and Joseph Kinchla, he received his Ph.D. from the University of California at Los Angeles. He taught at New York University and McMaster University in Hamilton. Ontario before coming to Princeton University as a full professor of psychology in 1969. Much of his research over 34 years focused on investigating problems of visual perception and models of attention. A popular teacher of Psychology 101, he introduced generations

Conn., and graduated from science of psychology and inspired many to pursue doctoral programs in the field. He was also known for his involvement in and support of athletic programs in the Princeton area.

He is survived by his three children, Chan, Tad, and Kendall; his ex-wife, Juli; his companion, Diane; and two grandsons.

His family celebrated his life on Tuesday, December 12 at his home on Dickinson Street.

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Maureen Rosenhaupt

Maureen Rosenhaupt, 88, of Santa Fe, N. Mex.. formerly of Princeton, died peacefully December 1 at

Born in Kent, England, she was schooled in England and Wales. During World War II, she lived through the Blitz in London where she worked at the Ministry of Information. In December 1945, she married Hans Rosenhaupt, a German-born American intelligence officer.

In the United States, she lived first in Colorado Springs, where her husband taught college. They moved to New York City in 1948 and, in 1951, to Demarest, N.J., where she condensed British historical and geographic information for the Columbia University Press Encyclopedia.

in 1958, she edited publications for the New Jersey Neuropsychiatric Institute, co-edited a veterinary journal, and helped establish and run the Professional Roster, a volunteer organization matching job seekers with employers in the area.

In 1989, four years after her husband's death, she returned to Colorado Springs, her first American home. In 1998, she moved to Santa Fe to be closer to her fam-

She will be remembered by her family and friends for her independent spirit, sense of humor, and passions for cats and for peace.

She is survived by her daughter, Elise Noble, and two grandchildren.

A memorial service was held in Santa Fe on Decem-

Helen S. Wright

Helen S. Wright, 90, of Princeton, died December 4 at the University Medical Center at Princeton.

A lifelong resident of Princeton and graduate of Princeton High School, she had been employed as a secretary for 47 years at Princeton University before

The daughter of the late Margaret and Joseph Sullivan, she was the wife of the late Harry J. Wright Jr.

She is survived by a son, Harry III of Princeton; and

After moving to Princeton—three daughters, Margaret J. & Michaels of Kingston, Karen 💆 W. Panicaro of Princeton, and Katharine W. Jameson

The funeral service and 👸 burial will be private.

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Elsa Bernardi Stachowicz

Elsa Bornerdi Stachowicz age 83, of South River passed away Thursday, November 30th 2006 et Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick surrounded by her family. Born in Rimini, Italy, she has resided in South River since 1961. Before her retirement 20 years ago, she was employed es a seamstross for Mako Sportswear and Brodsky and Sons Clothing in South River where she worked for 20 yeers. Mrs. Stachowicz was a communicent of Saint Mary ot Ostrebrama R.C. Church in South River where she was a member of the Seint Mery Sonior Citizens Club.

Surviving are her husband of 60 years Stanley Stachowicz, her sons Joseph and his wito Donne of Chicago, Ill., end Ricky of Princeton, her brother Enrico Bernardi and hor sistors Silvane Paronetto, Giovannina Bemardi, Stefania Nanni and Leila Vanucci, all of Rimini, Italy.

Funoral services were held Monday, December 4th.

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Helen W. Tuttle

Helen Welch Tuttle, 92, of Princeton, died September 10 in the Princeton Care

had been a Princeton resident since 1968.

She retired after 20 years of service as a librarian with the Flrestone Library at Princeton University. A longtime officer and member of the American Library Association, she was previously in charge of acquisitions at the University of Illinois.

Daughter of the late George Henry and Gertrude Helen Jones Welch, and wife of the late Preston Tuttle, she is survived by two stepsons, Laurence Heath Tuttle of Durham, N.C., and David Lyndon Tuttle of Moore Park, Calif.; six grandchildren; and a great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were under the direction of the Mather-Hodge Funeral Home.

Religious **Bulletins**

Congregation Beth Born in Larned, Kans., she - Chaim Pre-School will hold an open house for prospective students January 2 through January 5 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 to 3 p.m., and on Saturday. January 6, following the Tot Shabbat service at 10 a.m. Those interested are asked to call the school to schedule

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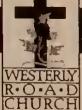
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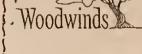
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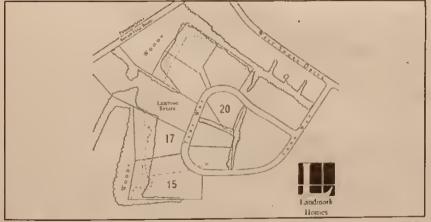
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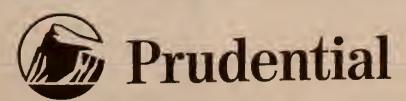


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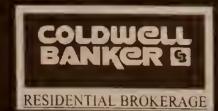


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More often than not, however, despite the frantic rush, the stress and strain, the excessive commercialism, and the disappointments, the season brings out the "better angels of our nature". Unexpected acts of kindness and generosity, warmly-extended invitations, and time together with special people are treasured moments that do occur more often during the holiday season.

Its particular magic also ments. A Princeton friend members it as a very special remembers a time years Christmas day. ago when money was tight to get them something for

"It was right before Christmas, and I went every-where," she recalls. "It was cold, and I was getting more and more depressed. Finally, at the last place, I told the owner, 'I have \$10 for a tree. Are there any trees here for \$10?' He spread his arms wide, and said, 'See all these trees? They are all

Santa in disguise! My Dickens, the holidays can be has a way of turning "worst" friend was able to have a "the best of times and the moments into "best" motree for her kids, and re-

> Indeed, there are many and the outlook bleak. A ways to give to others. If single mother, with a 7- you have the means, you year-old and a 10-year-old, can make financial donashe scrimped and saved tions to organizations and charities; if you don't have Christmas, and then found the means, perhaps you can she only had \$10 left for a give your time — a visit to give your time — a visit to a ionely neighbor, helping someone who is housebound with shopping or decorating, volunteering at an organization that helps people. All you really need is the desire

"Angel" Trees

Churches, synagogues, schools, and community organizations all offer ways In which people can be of

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PERFECT PEARLS: Princeton Jewelers offers an exciting holiday selection, including at left, the very popular Honora black and white treshwater cultured pearls with designer chain, and on the right, Honora black pearls and matching earrings. In addition, multi-colored pearl bracelets and necklaces, with a rainbow effect, are in demand, as are pearl earrings set in 18k gold with nugget diamonds. Color is popular this year, and multi-faceted semi-precious stones, such as topaz, citrine, amethyst, and quartz set in 14k white or yellow gold long chains and necklaces, are big sellers. Dangling diamond earrings are the look, along with multi-color rings with pave diamonds and semi-precious stones. Circle pendants continue to be popular, especially when accompanied by diamonds, emeralds, rubies, and sapphires. Stacking rings are another tavorite, and children's jeweiry is also avallable, as is a selection of sterling silver baby items. Giftware includes Waterford crystal and the popular cut-out brass Christmas ornaments, teaturing Princeton scenes.

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assistance to others. Crisis Ministry of Princeton and Trenton, WomanSpace, Home Front, and Family & Children's Services of Central New Jersey are just some organizations in our area that reach out to those needing help.

Some stores, churches, and schools have "angel" trees, which are decorated with paper ornaments or cards. Participants choose a card, which lists the name of an individual or family and ages of children. This is a wonderful way to give and know that your gift will help someone to have a happier holiday. In addition, many people now like to give a donation in someone's name to a charity rather than the traditional present under the tree. It is certainly a generous alternative — especially to those on the list who truly 'have everything.'

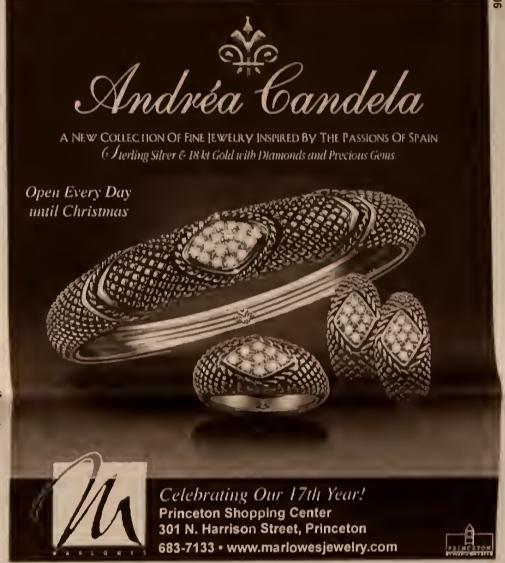
A neighbor describes another way to help. "The Saturday before Christmas, my husband and I volunteer at a local mall with the Salvation Army, ringing bells and collecting donations for those with special needs. Each year, we enlist the services of our golden lab, Handy. On this mission, he is dressed up for the occasion with a Christmas bandanna around his neck, and he seems to know that it is important for him to be on his best behavior. He stands by our side, smiling his dog smile, and wagging his tail, as people walk by, admiring his neck plece, ad dropping coins into the bucket. Between ringing the bells and our sweet canine companion. our morning at the mall is always a blg success."

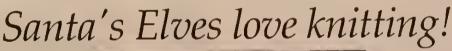
Individual acts of kindness go a long way in brightening the season for others. A friend recalls such a time several years ago. "A busy schedule or special circumstances sometimes create a feeling of panic as Christmas comes closer and the deco-

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rating of the house is still to be done. All around, one sees the trees in neighbors' homes and lights shining through their windows, and no decorating has begun in your own home. Such was the circumstance one holiday season, the year our second son was born. His birth, close to Christmas, meant that infant care was taking priority, and there was no time to drag out the boxes of decorations to trim the tree and adorn the house.

Happy and Content

"Then, help and holiday cheer came in the form of two friends. Responding to a knock on the door, I found my friends standing there with arms full of freshly-cut greens, red veivet ribbons, and all the 'fixIns', 'Without making a sound, they went straight to their work', and

within a very short time, the mantel was bedecked, the crevices and crannles were exploding with pine and holly, the tree was trimmed, and a glorious wreath hung on the door. As quickly as they came, they departed, leaving me happy and content. What a special gift! It was the best Christmas gift I have ever received!"

in another case, a neighbor recalls seeing a painting that she very much wanted. Not having the full price within her means, she asked whether she might pay by installment. The owner of the gallery was receptive and set up very reasonable monthly Installments. After making the first payment, she went to the gallery the following month to find that the painting was wrapped and ready for delivery to her house. The remainder of the cost had been paid by a friend

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APPLE A DAY: Tannwen Mount, manager of Terhune Orchards. is surrounded by apples in Terhune's popular farm store. She also holds one of the delicious pies, baked on the premises. Noted for its 27 variefies of apples, Terhune's is busy shipping boxes and baskets of apples for the holldays, as well as homemade cider. Custom baskefs are another popular gift and can include apples and other fruit, cookies, fruit breads, honey, Jams, a variety of gourmef items, and soup mixes. Gift boxes of appies, cookies, jams, and jeilies can also be shipped, as can gingerbread house kifs. Completely edible and one-of-akind gingerbread houses, made from scratch, are also availabie at the store. Owner Pam Mount will again offer her special Wiiilamsburg-style wreaths, decorafed with fruit, pine cones, and seasonai ifems. Undecorated wreaths, as well as Douglas fir cut Christmas trees, are also on hand. A visif to Terhune Orchards with its array of farm animals is always a freaf, and never more so than during the holidays.







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who wanted her to have the ter several tries, we settled art for Christmas.

One can also encounter unexpected opportunities to be of service to others. For example, some years ago, a Princeton realtor, now in Connecticut, had helped clients sell their house. As she explains, "Setting a closing that morning, the weather

date in winter can be tricky because of weather, jobs, schedules, and holidays. Afon December 24 at 11 a.m. "It was certainly one of the The family selling the house best presents I ever got," she had moved south in Septemsays. "And every time I look ber because of the father's at it, I remember the thought new job. They were so happy behind it, which was so spe- to have a buyer and to close before the end of the year. The plan for the closing was for Dad to drive up early on Christmas Eve day, sign all the papers, get the check, and return home afterward for the family celebration.

"It was dark when he left

prediction was dubious. By the time he reached Princeton, the salt and sand trucks were dealing with a thin coating of ice on the roads. The purchasing couple, with a 3-month-old baby, were driving a rental truck with basic furnishings, as well as a Christmas tree and cooler, so they could spend Christmas in their new house.

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and many businesses closed at noon. The seller realized he would not be able to drive home without seriously jeopardizing his safety. He called his family, and was trying to get a hotel room, when the new homeowners tapped him on the arm. 'If you don't mind sleeping on the floor, you're welcome to stay in our new home with us,' they told him. 'We've got plenty of blankets.'

This sounded a lot better than the hotel room. After ali, it was Christmas Eve. He treated the new homeowners to lunch and take-out supper at a restaurant just across the street from the realty office. That afternoon and evening, the new homeowners heard family and neighborhood anecdotes from their guest, and received valuable information about the community's resources from him. The tree was trimmed, albeit sparingly, and the wine tasted particularly good. Maybe things were not perfect, but they were certainly better than they might have been. A Christmas to remember!'

"Pretty Girl"

Reaching out to others can also include fourfooted companions, notes a Princeton neighbor. "We had attended Christmas Eve services at our church, and in his sermon, the minister retold the Christmas Story. emphasizing that we should be hospitable to those who may need our help. 'No room at the inn' isn't acceptable. After we got home, we kept hearing a meowing outside, which continued and continued. We finally opened the front door, and this little kitten was sitting on our doorstep on this freezing cold night. Of course, we took her in, and called her 'Pretty Girl'. She was with us for many years."

Caroling is one of the great Christmas traditions, and many carolers, accompanied by family and friends, enjoy participating in the event. Caroling parties are often part of the occasion, as one friend explains. "My husband and I had an annual caroling party for our children's friends and their parents. We served dinner, then headed out to spread Joy and cheer throughout the neighborhood. One of the dads played the guitar, and there were actually a lot of good voices."

She adds that she did a little extra pre-caroling scouting to ensure a successful evening. "The day before the party, I visited a few neighbors, and asked them if they would like to give out some 'treats' to the carolers. I supplied the neighbors with candy canes, the makings and cups for hot chocolate, gingerbread men - even extra gloves for the children who lost them along the way, and small Christmas tree ornaments. The caroling was a great success; we even picked up a few neighbors along the way who wanted to join us in our entertaining. We finished up the evening with more hot chocolate, a few hot toddies, and a big plate of brownies. Fun for all!"

All Ages

Another neighbor also

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enjoys the caroling tradition and annual sing-along at her friends' home. "Our long-time friends have a carol sing at their home the third Sunday evening in December. It begins with a light supper to which evervone contributes. Shrimp, ham, potato salad, deviled eggs, cookies, and all sorts of other goodles. The guests are from all walks of life and of all ages. Little children, teens, students, teachers, professors, retirees, grandparents. All faiths are included, and everyone's house guests are welcome,

"The gathering concludes with everyone sitting or standing in the living room with hand-out sheets containing the words of all the familiar carols and Christmas tunes: 'Joy to The World', 'Winter Wonderland', 'I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas,' "Frosty the Snowman' 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas, etc. One of the guests plays the piano, and we all sing. Following the carols, three little girls sing their special Hanukkah songs in their sweet melodic voices. What a picture of community togetherness. If only the world could experience such joy."

Ensuring that children enjoy Christmas Is any parent's delight, and at times, depending on the status of the wish list and availability of said items on the list, biggest challenge. In the midst of the Cabbage Patch doll craze some years ago, my neighbor's friends, Larry and Ruth, had three little girls, all of whom hoped Santa would bring them one of these wonderful new to achieve, as hopeful pur- back on this Christmas with

chasers formed lines outside stores before they opened. But there were miracles in store. The first miracle was that Larry and Ruth were fortunate to arrive at the local toy store just as the shipment of Cabbage Patch dolls were being put onto the display shelves. The one hitch was that each adult could only purchase one doll.

"Larry pulled the picture transplant." of his three daughters from his wallet, and asked the clerk, 'Now which one of these little girls would you keep from having a good Christmas by depriving her of what she wants from Santa?"' Needless to say, the clerk gave in.'

Santa's Gift

But the story continues. "Larry was at that time in end-stage renal failure, awaiting a kidney transplant. He had been medically retired early from the military, and when a kidney donation was available in early December at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C., he was flown there with his wife for the immediate transplant. As often happened in early transplant surgery, anti-rejection drugs failed. Ruth stayed with Larry until the week before Christmas, and their daughters and Larry's parents who had been stay-Kansas back to D.C.

"The hospital made up a room in which the family part of that Christmas was Santa's gift of the Cabbage Patch dolls. The girls sat on dolls. As my neighbor tells the floor hugging and playit, "This seemed nearly im- ing with their dolls most of possible for their parents the day. The family looks

bittersweet memories.

"The second miracle was that Larry stayed alive until another kidney could be found. This transplant was successful, and his kid-ney function was fine for nearly 20 years. The third and greatest miracle is that 20 years later, one of his daughters gave him one of her kidneys for his third

Another medical situation resulted in a much happier holiday than they could have expected for a family far from home. A former Princeton resident, now in Boston, was able to reach out to this family in an unanticipated way. After singing in a concert in mid-December, she was suddenly hospitalized with a severe infection. "I was in the hospital on intravenous antibiotics every four hours for about 10 days," she recalls. "I had already planned to go home to Nebraska for Christmas, and my flight corresponded with the day I was to be released from the hospital.

Four Friends

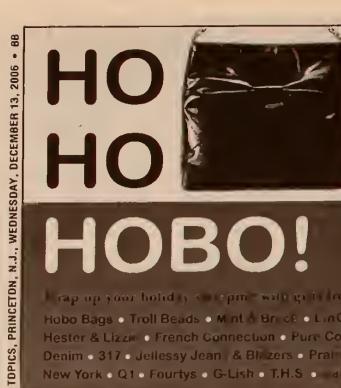
"Across the hall from me was a man from Seattle who had the same doctor as I. He had been diagnosed with then flew home to collect cancer, and the prognosis was not good. The patient's wife came over and spoke ing with the girls. She also with me from time to time, collected the gifts from San- and I learned that their two ta and hid them well in the teenaged children were flydeep recesses of the trunk lng ln for Christmas. The of the car. They drove from family was staying at a hotel close to the hospital. I asked my doctor what he thought of my inviting them to use could be together for Christ- my apartment over the holimas. Probably the happlest days. It wasn't so far away, and seemed much more like a place where a family could enjoy Christmas than in a hotel — as much as they could under the circumstances. I remember I

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FASHIDN FORWARD: Get ready for the holidays with this stylish display featured at Hedy Shepard, the fashion forward women's shop. Shown, left to right are herringbone and velvet jackets from D. Exterior and wide leg velvet trousers from Charles Chang Lima; oatmeal tweed cashmere and wool sweater with rabbit collar from The Wrights, camel trousers from Bernard Zins; and at right, D. Exterior's cashmere bird's-eye tweed cardigan with pearl trim, and herringbone skirt. Black and white is a favorite look this season: black velvet pants with white top and crystal buttons offers simple elegance for a holiday party, and lace, velvet, brocade, and cashmere are always in style. A red knit jacket and shell makes a smashing combo with black pants. Brocade jackets are worn for holiday partles, and perfect with matching skirt or pants. Bundle up in one of Hedy's shearling coats and coordinated hats and gloves to complete the fashion statement. Frittelli & Lockwood chenille scarves are great gifts, and cashmere-lined leather gloves in many colors, as well as fingerless styles, and arm warmers, are all on display. Fahrenheit belts and Wolford hosiery are special, as is the selection of "travel" jewelry by Crislu — finest cubic zirconium set in platinum plate. Lucky travelers will find wonderful resort wear this season, and don't miss the special accessory show "Buy Now, Take With You!" on Thursday, December 14, featuring Items from Fajra, Jane August, Justine Brooke, and Tat-2 Design.





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even had a Christmas tree put up, but that I hadn't had time to decorate it.

"The doctor agreed, so I approached the wife, and she accepted. Since I had left the apartment for the concert, but was planning to return to get ready for my trip, there were things to be done. With the doctor's permission, four friends picked me up at the hospital as soon as my next-to-last injection took place. We drove to the apartment, where I packed and changed into my travel clothes, while friends vacuumed, changed the bed, put out fresh towels, sheets for the fold-out sofa, scoured the bathtub, and kitchen sink, etc., etc.

"Before my next antibiotic therapy was due, my friends had me back to the hospital. I gave the mother of my guests-to-be the key and a few instructions about where to get groceries and the like, got my last medication, and left for Nebraska.

"I can't tell you how good this made me feel. We continued to keep in touch over the years with Christmas correspondence. Not just a name on the card, but a real letter each year. I guess you could say this is how friends are made."

And, indeed, reaching out to others during the holidays is certainly an act of friendship. You can be a friend in the true sense of the word. At the end of the play, Best of Friends by Sir Hugh Whitemore, there is a monologue, which includes a passage that is an ap-

propriate reminder of how generosity and thoughtfulness to friends and to those who may become friends have meaning for and even beyond the holtdays. It is something to remember this season.

"I declare friendship to be the most precious thing in life. But it is like a plant that withers if it is not heedfully

fostered and nourished. It is anly by constant thought, by visits, by little services, and by abounding sympathy at all times that friends can be kept. I implore my children and grandchildren that they remember this, so that the blessings that have been mine may be theirs also."

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Homemade and Handcrafted Gifts Create Happy Holiday Memories

of children's photos, a muchloved drawing.

Homemade Items are gifts that strike a chord. The time and effort that goes into their creation is meaningful for the recipient, and afterward, they often become keepsakes that are treasured over the years.

Such an example is the hand-done appliquéd cotton quitted decoration given to my neighbor by her closest friend more than 20 years ago. Its gold-painted sen-timent, "All Hearts Come Home for Christmas" is surrounded by a small country village scene, with appliquéd houses, church, and up above, half-moon and

"Every year, I put it on the mantel during the holidays," she says. "Another year, my friend crocheted a star as a Christmas ornament, and we always put that on our

Claus made by a young Girl our aunt sent us a porcelain

diepoint pillows, a collage sits proudly among her own daughter's large Santa col-lection. "I probably have 75 to 100 Santas of all kinds, shapes, and sizes, but there is something so special about this one that my Mom made long ago. Every year, when I get it out to display, it brings back all the wonderful memories of past Christ-

Memorles. So often, the handmade gift is important for the reminders of times past, people who are gone, or special, shared mo-

A Princeton friend has memories of her family and her childhood years on a farm. "We only had homemade gifts. We'd get home-made scarves and mittens, and my Dad carved wooden animals for us. We'd give gifts of decorated notepaper or embroidery pieces, always something we made. ree, too." We never had anything A plaster of Paris Santa bought, except one year,

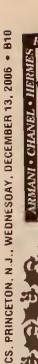




BEST BOOKS: Glen Echo Books is a must for book lovers. Specializing in a second-hand selection, it offers excellent choices for holiday gift-giving. "We sell a lot of classical literature, especially to students," says manager Rose Mary Foglesong. "And for the holidays, biographies tend to be very popular. "Mandela" is a big favorite, and there is an unusual amount of fiction this year, including "The Thirteenth Tale" by Diane Setterfield. A lot of people are asking for books on science and also foreign language books. Cookbooks are always a popular holiday gift too." A children's selection includes the latest in the Magic Tree House series by Mary Pope Dsborne, "Visions of the Blue Moon", among many other choices. The shop also offers greeting cards and a selection of handcrafted jewelry by Princeton designer Clare Gould.













Cook Books for Holiday Giving

Glen Echo Bookstore

Recommended by RoseMary Foglesong



Barefoot Contessa at Home

By Ina Garten

Ina Garten's easy and elegant recipes help me spend more time with my friends and less time in the kitchen. Along with beautiful photographs, this book is filled with tried and true recipes that Ina makes over and over again because they're easy, they work, and they're universally loved.



Kafka's Soup: A Complete History of World Literature in 14 Recipes

By Mark Crick.

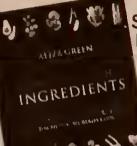
From a bookseller's perspective, I had to recommend the cookbook that describes the culinary adventures of Franz Kafka, Jane Austen, and John Steinbeck among others. Guaranteed to entertain anyone in love with food and books, Mark Crick's Kafka's Soup will delight the literary foodies on your gift list.



Morgan Freeman and Friends: Caribbean Cooking for a Cause

By Wendy Wilkinson, Donna Lee and Morgan Freeman.

Academy Award winning actor Morgan Freeman and a star studded group of celebrities contribute exotic recipes and personal island tales in a splendid cookbook created to help rebuild the hurricane devastated island of Grenada.



Starting with Ingredients- The Quintessential Recipes for the Way We Really Cook

By Aliza Green.

From the novice cook to the experienced chef, Aliza Green's book inspires the reader to create with useful and compelling recipes. This cookbook will transform the way you shop, prepare, cook, and think about food.



Fiamma: The Essence of Contemporary Italian Cooking

By Michael White, Joanna Pruess, Joseph De Leo. I'm am always looking for a great Italian cookbook and Fiamma, which means flame in Italian, fits the bill. Michael White's book draws on his experiences in Italy, his tenure at Spiagga, a restaurant in Chicago and as head chef at San Domenico in Imola, Italy.



The Bon Appétit Cookbook

By Barbara Fairchild.

For the first time in the history of Bon Appetit magazine, they have compiled over 1200 of their all time best recipes to create a cookbook. An added bonus is the book includes a free, one year subscription to Bon Appetit magazine.

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Homemade Gifts

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— a set for each person in our home on Christmas morning. He brings in the tray and presents it before any gifts are opened. We are reminded of the true meaning of Christmas, the beauty of nature, and that gifts do not have to be big and abundant to have joy and meaning. We also remember his father, who used to receive an orange and one toy for Christmas, and considered that a bountiful gift."

Another neighbor recalls the time of the Depression, when gifts were scarce, and an orange was indeed looked upon as a wonderful treat. "I remember a child in my grade school showing me the Christmas food basket her family had received from a charitable organization. She was especially thrilled with the oranges. I don't believe she had ever seen one! Her father was a homebound invalid, and her mother walked to work every day. They were so grateful for this basket."

Even in our glitzy time of "Decorate the hall shop the malls," making it or baking it, continues to be a big part of many people's holiday season. They like handdone decorations, such as all natural wreaths, sprays, festive centerpieces, and potpourrl.

Pine Cones

A creative friend makes her own potpourri for holiday giving. This takes planning that begins in the summer when the roses are blooming, and the garden is full of blossoms. She saves the petals of the flowers and spreads them out to dry. Then they are kept in tins and treated with fragrant oils, ready for the holidays to come. Their sweet-smelling petals fill potpourri jars and cloth bags, tied with ribbons, and become a special remembrance at Christ-

Another friend makes holiday pine cone wreaths and small trees as table centerpleces. "I love good-looking pine cones, seed pods, and even weeds," she explains. "When I started doing this, I would collect them from wherever I traveled, and then lay them out on my fire escape outside my window in New York City, and spray them with varnish.

'Then, using Bulldog linoleum paste which was brown, I would affix them to whatever shape I wished to make. For Christmas trees, I would start with a cardboard cone coated with the sticky linoleum paste onto which l would glue the brown seed pods from sweet gum trees. They are wondrous things, looking like brown ping pong balls that have been opened from the inside with a minuscule can opener. To decorate the completed tree, which first had to dry for a few days, I bought 'Jewels' by the pound at a great place on New York's Ninth Avenue in the upper 40s. I used carpenter's glue for

"I would spray gold on some of the seed pods which were on stems, and then I decorated, using the smaller 'diamonds' and 'rubies' or 'emeralds' and 'sapphires'. I

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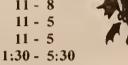


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could also create 'Faberge' doing this.

"For a wreath," she continues, "I made a cardboard circle with a smaller circle cut out for the middle. Then I would slather the sticky Bulldog paste onto the form and push a base of varnished pine cones into the glue. After a few days of drying, I decorated the wreath. Cutting pine cones in horizontal slices gave me flowers; some looked like zinnias. I used acorns and horse chestnuts and the browns were a variety of beautiful shades, especially after varnishing. These wreaths and trees became Christmas presents, and some friends continue to bring them out when they decorate for the holidays even after many years.

A Princeton friend, now in Arizona, has rediscovered the pleasure of knitting, after a long hiatus. "Last year, I made scarves for everyone in the family. They all loved them, and it's fun now, since there are so many intriguing new yarns.'

Western Theme

She also makes countedcross-stitch ornaments for all her friends, and her sister (this is definitely a "crafty" family!) makes wooden tree ornaments, always with a western theme, such as cacti, cowboy boots, horses,

"Priceless" wooden items, fashioned by sons in shop class in school, were often given to parents. "I made a bread tray with a handle when I was 11, and my mother kept it and actually used it for many years," reports the former 11-yearold, now a grandfather of four. "I also made a boat, a box, and later, a 5-foot balsa wood model of the dirigible

That was a little hard to hide until Christmas, but he managed, and proudly presented it to his father, who was suitably impressed.

Another boy created a ceramic dish in his shop class in junior high. "it was baked in a kiln, and unfortunately, lt sagged. The worst dish ever made! Mother LOVED it, however, and even took it with her when she moved to Florida many years later."

A friend's daughter has

This is a really involved process," she explains, "but homemade candles can be flower bouquets. I just loved wonderful. At one point, If you add crushed ice, it makes a beautiful lacy effect, and the light shines out of the minute cut-outs

> gifts, and everyone likes Knitted stockings, scarves, mittens, and hats are very popular hand-done gifts. "My aunt made me mittens every Christmas," says a neighbor, "and they would always be

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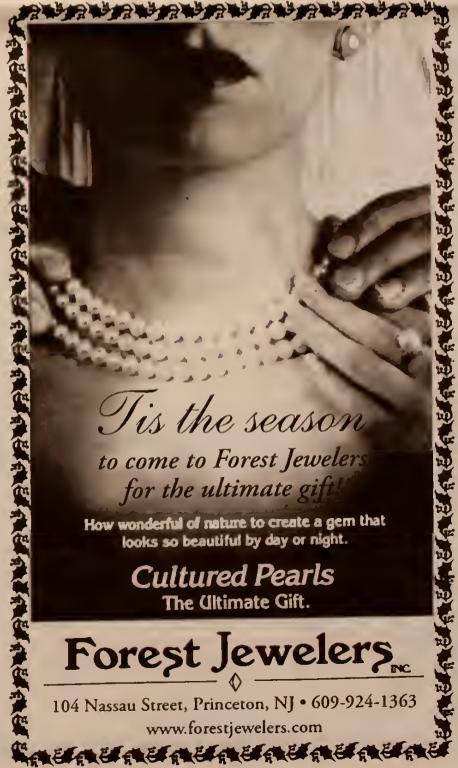
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A very accomplished knitcaps for her granddaughter, sewn-on eyes, some little

and she remembers one of the most fun and especially appreciated items. "One of my best handmade Christmas gifts to her was a long snake that I knitted from all the odds and ends of knitting worsted that sat in my knitting bag. It was knitted on double pointed needles, and was as long as you wanted it to be, or as long as the yarn lasted! Red, blue, yelter, another neighbor often low, green - what a colormakes nifty sweaters and ful fellow! Finished up with

ears and a red tongue, he was a well-loved handmade

Another grandmother received a memorable holiday gift from her 7-year-old granddaughter, and which she enthusiastically wears. 'it is a necklace made from Staples' colored plastic paperclips! Between 30 and 40 paperclips makes a very nice chain, and any young child can easily do it. It's a real conversation piece!

The time-honored custom of making cookies contin-Who wouldn't want to taste ies? They are often part of a postman, paper boy, and in days past — the milkman. Many grown-ups remember helping their moms or grandmothers bake cookies, and it is now an important part of their own tradition.

"My favorite memory of making Christmas cookies ues to provide some of the was with my Aunt Ruth," best-loved handmade gifts. recalls a friend. "Every year she made 'sand tarts', and homemade Christmas cook- when I was old enough to help, I was included in the holiday remembrance to the activity. We made the sweet dough with all the best ingredients — butter, eggs, flour, sugar, and vanilla, and after the dough had been chilled, we began to roll it out on a floured board. Oh, so thin! And we cut them out with a round cookie cutter, just a few at a time. On top of each one, some cinnamon sugar and a walnut piece, so carefully placed. Into the oven they went, but be very careful, for they bake quickly and burn easily! This took place at the end of November, and then they were stored in big cookie tins, waiting until Christmas to be eaten or

given as gifts." Homemade breads, fudge, jams, and jellies are other popular gifts, and if time is tight and you're really

pressed, it is possible to improvise, reports one holiday-stressed, but practical friend. "I really had no time, but so many of my friends enjoyed having my homemade jam, that I hated to disappoint them. So I bought a number of attractive glass jelly jars, printed out pretty labels that said From the Kitchen of ...' and filled them with a mixture of several large jars of supermarket jam, and named them with the predominant

"I hate to admit to this fraud, but no one knew the difference! After all, it really is the thought that counts!"

Gingerbread Houses

Gingerbread houses are wonderful to give and also fun to make, as a family and friends' project. "We started making them some years ago, and now it's a tradition," says a friend.

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Books for Children

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Recommended by Nancy Nicholson



Can You Hear It?

By William Lach of the Metropolitan Museum

This beautiful book and CD set will teach children to appreciate both art and music. Turn the pages and listen to the CD as children are encouraged to listen to the art and see the music. Mr. Lach will be autographing copies of this book on Saturday, December 23 at 2pm.



Celebrate Hanukkah

By Deborah Heillaman

Author Deborah Heiligman introduced her Holidays Around the World series this year. With wonderful photography by National Geographic, she educates us all about many holidays including Ramadan, Eid Al-Fitr and Diwali. Celebrate Hanukkah has been named as one of the Great Hanukkah Books for Kids by the Association of Jewish Libraries.



Has Anyone Seen Christmas?

By Anne Margaret Lewis

EMIT the Elf (TIME spelled backwards) travels through a year of American Holidays searching for Christmas. This book was the hit of the holiday season last year and is destined to become an American classic. The characters were featured in a float in the Thanksgiving Day Parade. Author Anne Margaret Lewis will autograph copies at Barnes & Noble Princeton on Saturday, December 16 at 2pm.



The Night Before Christmas

Illustrated by Gennady Spirin

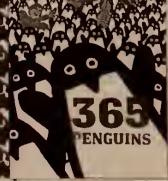
Award-winning illustrator Gennady Spirin has created a magnificent traditional interpretation of the images in the poem A Night Before Christmas. The Russian-born artist now ives in Princeton.



Christmas in New York: A Pop-Up Book

By Chuck Fischer

My Personal Favorite. Yes, we all love Princeton – but to really celebrate the holidays, a trip to New York City is a must. If you can't go, this amazing pop-up book brings the Big Apple to you. The elaborate paper unfoldings of radio city, 5th Avenue, The Nutcracker, Times Square and many landmarks will evoke joyful memories. A glamorous gift, not only for children, but for New York-O-Philes of any age.



365 Penguins

By Jean-Luc Fromental, Illustrated by Joelle Jolivet This over sized retro-designed book tells the story of a family surprised by the delivery of an ever increasing number of Penguins. one for each day of the year! This book just pops with fun and looks like an old TV show, while teaching math and ecology with humor. It's fun for winter, penguin lovers, and lovers of retro-design. -

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HERE COMES SANTA: Santa Claus arriving in style Saturday at the Princeton Shopping Center, courtesy of Engine 62 of Hook

Making a cook book for friends, including her favorite recipes is another neighbor's special homemade gift. In addition, she has often filled baskets or large Ball jars with ingredients and the recipe to make chocolate chip cookies or other treats. "This is an especially fungift for a child," she notes. They love the idea of being able to make something as good as chocolate chip cookles."

"Each child in the kindergarten class was to bring in a came rushing in, with the news: 'the cat ate Robbie!' There evidently were still traces of tuna scent in the time, demolishing Robbie's

Another friend makes handcrafted calendars, featuring pictures of her children, which are sent to out-of-town relatives and friends. She also belongs to a monthly luncheon group, and one of the members

Children's homemade of takes pictures at each lunch, ferings sometimes have and then puts together a calunexpected consequences. endar, featuring a special Consider the story of Rob- dish for every month, which ble, as reported by his mom. then becomes a holiday gift

photo of him/herself and an empty tuna fish can. The tom cookles, catnip mice, teacher helped each student glue their photo in the can is really no end to the vari-(lid removed), and the can ety of homemade gifts. You was tied with a red ribbon to are limited only by your be used as a Christmas tree Imagination, and a gift repornament. Robble gave me resenting your hands-on crethe ornament on Christmas ativity - you cared enough morning, and I was delighted. The next day, his sister can, and tabby had a fine



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LATEST LODK: Glamour and luxury abound at Rouge, epitomized by this fabulously butter-soft chenille robe, modeled by store manager Diana Nini. She is shown by the selection of Philosophy skin care products, including shower gel, shampoo, and bubble bath. Rouge offers super holiday shopping, with the latest fashions in sweaters, pants, denim (including Angelina Jolie's favorite J Brand), lingerie, and Calypso resortwear all available. "We have designers that you won't see everywhere," says owner Paige Petersen. "We carry hard-to-find luxury brands, and we continually edit the collection for our clients' tastes and style. And our one-on-one service will help you find the perfect gift for someone on your list or tor yourself." Hunter rain boots from Scotland in a variety of colors are on display, and Rouge is always known for its selection of fine skin care products, such as Dr. Hauschka and Santa Maria Novella —the latter found in only 80 stores in the U.S. Also available are beautifully-packaged candles by D & L.

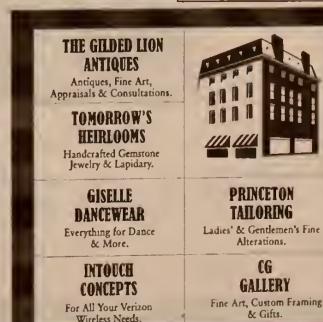
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Nassau Street Aglow With Candlelight, Womanspace Ceremony, This Sunday

Nancy Snyderman, a member of the department of the otolaryngology/head and neck surgery at the be Joined by Representative University of Pennsylvania Rush Holt and Womanspace and chief medical editor for NBC News and MSNBC, will light the first candle for this year's fifth annual Womanspace of Mercer County's Communities of Light cere-17 at 5:30 p.m. at Morven Museum & Garden.

event, Dr. Snyderman - county's 13 municipalities.

Women's health advocate whose medical reports have appeared on Today, Nightly News with Brian Williams, and Dateline NBC - will **Executive Director Patricia**

Founded in 1977, Womanspace, Inc. is the only candles were lit. This year, nonprofit agency serving the goal is to light 60,000 nonprofit agency serving victims of domestic viomony on Sunday, December lence and sexual assault in Mercer County. This year, the agency is extending its As honorary chair of the reach throughout all of the

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"It is truly rewarding to see a large community like Mercer County come together In support of Communitles of Light," said Ms. Hart. "Domestic violence cuts across all racial and socloeconomic lines and these lightings serve as a powerful symbol of hope for many in our neighborhoods.

Last year, some 45,000 candles around municipal and police buildings and on individual streets, driveways, sidewalks and walkways.

The lighting ceremony, which began in 2002, takes

place each year on a Sunday since that's the day when the highest number of cases of domestic violence and sexual assault are reported. Originally the brainchild of a group of volunteers in Mercer County, one of whom had seen a similar event benefit a different cause in North Carolina, Communitles of Light has raised over \$300,000 since its incep-

As a precursor to Sunday's ceremony, members of the community will join Princeton University students and faculty on the south lawn of the Frist Campus Center at 9 p.m., tonight, December 13, for a campus candle iighting ceremony, timed to enable students to take part in Communities of Light before leaving for winter break. This is the first year that the University will be participating in the project.

The Princeton Clergy Association will also host a special "Service of Light and Hope" on Thursday, December 14 In the Nassau Presbyterlan Church at 7 p.m., Princeton United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m., The Jewish Center of Princeton at 5:45 p.m. and The Religious Science Church of Princeton at 7 p.m.

The \$10 candle kits, each containing six candles, six white bags, and a bag of sand, may be purchased from the following Princeton merchants: E.Y. Staats Hair Cutters, McCaffrey's Market Princeton Shopping Center, N.T. Callaway Realty, PNC Bank on Nassau St., on Rt. 206 Princeton, and at the Princeton Shopping Center, Princeton Center for Health & Yoga, Shop the World, Terhune Orchards, Wegmans , Welchert Realtors-Princeton, Wild Oats Natural Marketplace. As well as from locations in Lawrenceville, Pennington, Hopewell, Ewing, West Windsor, Robbins-ville, Trenton, East Windsor, Hamilton and Hightstown. Kits can also be purchased from Womanspace at 1212 Stuyvesant, Avenue, Trenton. One kit is suggested for every 100 ft.

For more information, visit www.womanspace.org. For domestic violence and sexual assault crisis assistance and Information, call the 24hour Mercer County hotline, (609) 394-9000.

-Linda Arntzenius



ery, Landscaping & Garden Center holds one ot his handcratted custom wreaths, teaturing mixed greens, winterberry holly, and pine cones. All sizes of wreaths, including undecorated, are available, as well as nobie and traser fir, and princess pine natural roping. Winterberry holly bushes, with an abundance of long-lived red berries, are popular for cuttings to decorate the house and wreaths. Trees include live balled Norway and biue spruce, 2 to 7 teet, and dwarf Alberta spruce and pyramid boxwood, nice for traming the front door steps. Fraser and balsam fir cut trees range trom 5 to 12 teet, with larger trees very popular. All-natural grave blankets are available, es well as outdoor grapevine reindeer and a variety of other lighted outdoor decorations. Baumley's Christmas Shop is filled with decorated theme trees, an array of poinsettlas, and ornaments and decorations of all kinds. A tull selection of tree lights, stands, skirts, and other supplies are in stock, as are Christmas cards. Complimentary cider and cookies are offered.



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Volunteers Needed

Literacy Volunteers in Mercer County, which has urgent need of volunteer tutors to help its Basic Literacy and English as a Second Language students, is holding two winter tutor training courses in early 2007, one in the daytime, one at night.

Held at the Literacy Volunteers Office at 3535 Quakerbridge Road, suite 105, Hamilton, the day-time course will meet on seven consecutive Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., beginning January 9 and ending February 20.

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